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Spread the news—we've changed for the better

At the beginning of every school year, students usually fall into the same old routine. They take little notice as to any changes that may have occurred. They figure hey, it's going to be just the same boring year as it was last year. Nothing ever really changes around here except for maybe a new student or substitute teacher every so often.

Well, we've got news for you! There were a lot of changes this year and we're going to try to bring your attention to all of them.

This year for the first time the Reflector staff extended their coverage to include the entire school year. This means the Reflector will include some of the end of last school year as well as all of this year. In order to catch up with the progress of other schools the Reflector staff asked for permission from the school board to extend the deadline and were told to poll the students. The poll was taken and an overwhelming yes response came from the students.


Also new to the High School this year was an early morning class. Some seniors arose early every morning to be at school by five til seven every morning. According to a member of the zero hour class senior, George Knish said, "zero hour wasn't a lot of fun, because I was more tired as the school day went on."

If you didn't hear the sounds of old typewriters upstairs this year, it's because the business department was renovated, this year. The rooms are now complete with IBM computers, printers, new desk units, cabinets and even carpeting.

If deeper voices were heard cheering at sporting events this year, the Booster Club had many new members, these members being guys.

So if you thought another year at school was just another boring year at school, then maybe you should take notice of the many changes that took place, and maybe the news will surprise you. Griffith is not just any other school we have many unique qualities.

The changes this school year are hopefully just the start of many newsworthy years at Griffith. So start spreading the news we've changed for the better and in the long run we've changed so we can be the best.



Gone for the day. The abandoned hallway seems empty as the janitors materials are its only companion. During the day the hallways are packed with students coming and going, walking and even running.



May I have this dance? Seniors Lisa Jordan and Sue Wiltfong, dance together, to make the most of a Friday night dance. Dances are a popular way for students to spend their Friday nights after a game.

Who Cares? GHS cares that's who. This banner which was designed by students from GHS, was the concept of the art department. Students were charged for each square and the money raised was donated to the needy family foundation.



Put on a happy computer face. Sophomore Bill Berens smiles as he practices his typing on the new IBM computers acquired by GHS. The computers were a result of extensive renovation by the business department.

Lively News

Changes make news—students take notice

Griffith. Despite the fact that people tend not to notice changes, there were a lot in student's lives. "The biggest change was that students from other schools were not allowed into any of our dances. This meant that people with boyfriends or girlfriends from other schools had to find other forms of entertainment," said junior Sue Floyd.

"The idea of having a lock-in was a great idea. It was a blast!" said sophomore Michelle Graham.

"Last year the big hangout was at Shakey's. Then everyone started getting kicked out of there. Now everyone goes to McDonalds," said senior Rob Lattin.

"The transition of having real hard classes the first semester and then having real easy classes the second semester is a change. "Before I buckled down and now it's a real breeze," said senior Greg Burbridge.

"I met a lot more people this year. There was more of a mixture of class levels in classes because of the computer scheduling," said junior Norm Navarro.

"Well, I've changed boyfriends," said senior Cass Swarzens, "several times."

"Doing the wave during Spirit Week at the Spellbowl made the entire student body get in trouble for showing spirit. I don't think we would have gotten sent back to class last year like we did this year," said sophomore Scott Szafacz.

"Even if the changes are subtle, that's still enough to make a difference. It's enough to make an event fun or boring," said junior Melissa Moore.

If any of the above failed to catch your eye during the school year as a new or exciting approach to something, well, we've got news for you. You must have had your eyes closed because there were several newsworthy changes in student life.



Junior Chris Kleimola, senior Karrie Reyome, junior Julie Russell and junior Jamie Budack discuss predictions for King and Queen.

This is Panther Country! Junior Shelley Marshall rides in the band car during the parade. Despite severe thunderstorms during the day, the weather cleared for the festivities.



Juniors Jennifer Atkinson and Ray Japowka dance to "Next Time I Fall" by Peter Cetera and Amy Grant during the Homecoming dance. D.J. Terry Hansen spun the tunes.



Senior Mark Smith gets drenched as he begins the water pass down the line of seniors. The class who was able to accumulate the most water in the bucket at the end of the line won.

Gabrys and Halverson reign King and Queen

Seniors rule Spirit Week

The halls were buzzing with the punks, the well dressed, and the ones who couldn't seem to put on their clothes right, and they were talking about mums, class floats, and their dates. The long awaited Homecoming of 1986 had arrived.

Homecoming planning started off when the student council announced that this years theme would be based on cereal box characters. Classes started gathering at separate meeting places to work on their class float the week before spirit week arrived. The week of wild events and weird wardrobes. Spirit Week has many different purposes. One is to determine which class has the most spirit by competing in different activities.

Another is tradition. The school has been having spirit week for years.

Lastly to show support. Support for

your school, support for the football team, to build excitement for the big day, and a chance for the students to get crazy!

The first day of Spirit Week, September 22, was inside out and backwards day. Creative students wore earrings and shirts backwards and jeans inside out.

Costume day was Tuesday with everyone from rock stars to Gumby walking the halls.

Wednesday was dress-up day and the convocation for Homecoming king and queen was held in the varsity gym. Following the candidates, something new was added. The spell bowl. Students competed in a spelling bee for their class but the fun was ended too soon when a teacher called the assembly to an end when spirited students conjured up a "wave" in the au-

dience.

Thursday's halls were wild with colored hair, chains, leather and lace. Punk day was a huge success considering it was a new idea.

Thursday evening the classes were presented with another form of competition: Activities night. The night that was to be loaded with fun filled, crazy activities to boost the students spirit before the big day. The students participated in human pyramids, a water pass, ski races, body passes, balloon tosses, a tug of war and a yelling contest. King and Queen candidates had their own time in the spotlight with special activities. These consisted of Ilcorice eating, obstacle course, and a chocolate pudding pie eating contest (no hands allowed!) "Activities Night was unlike any other!" said senior Matt Huss of Activities Night.



The Homecoming court for 1986 consisted of seniors: Mark Halverson, Julianne Rowe, Greg Burbridge, Linda Gabrys, Jeff Ritter, Amy Schmidt, Brett Dines, Kire Volpe, Jeff Hamilton, Anne Hoffman.

Senior Julianne Rowe proudly raises her hand to inform the crowd that she finished first. A pie-eating contest was just one of the many competitions enjoyed on Activities Night.



Aay, cool dude! Senior Jay Gal sits on the ledge while he cops the scenes on Punk day. Many of the students participated in the fun during Spirit Week '86.

After a half day of school, the Pantherettes perform their favorite routine for the pep session. This is the one time the football players get to see them perform during the season.

Victorious team helps keep the spirit alive

Football Players crown Calumet

Although students lived up to the theme of "spirit week," the end of Activities Night ended with many students in an uproar. This resulted from a threat of yet another early ending for the week because some of the water-related activities got a little crazy. The seniors' spirits were lifted when they were announced champs for the evening.

Then, at last Friday arrived, the hopes of getting a mum from that special someone or just the right date to go to the Homecoming dance hung in the air. The tradition of black and gold day was carried on another year. Posters, balloons and streamers lined the hallways. The school day ended shortly after noon and a pep session where the seniors prevailed again winning Spirit Week. Hopes and spirits were lifted as rowdy students made their way home.

Line-up for the parade was at 4:30 p.m. and the clouds that were hovering in the sky cleared away as the parade began. Pantherettes, band music, floats and queen candidates in coverdibles filled the streets and began the evening's events.

During the Homecoming halftime, the awaited main event took place. Homecoming candidates lined up and were announced as they slowly walked across the field after the band and Pantherettes finished their special performance to Whitney Houston's "Greatest Love of All."

Dressed in their uniforms the King candidates turned out to be all football players: Mark Halverson, Greg Burbridge, Jeff Ritter, Brett Dines and Jeff Hamilton. On their arms, they escorted the Queen candidates in their gowns.: Anne Hoffman, Linda Gabrys, Julianne Rowe, Amy Schmidt, and Kire Volpe.

Linda Gabrys and Mark Halverson were crowned Homecoming Queen and King for 1986. "I couldn't believe it. All I could think about were my friends and family and how happy they would be. They were really excited about my being up for Homecoming, I think more excited than I was," said senior Linda Gabrys.

The juniors were announced first place in float competition. The seniors came in second while the sophomores placed third overall. The seniors prevailed and won spirit week.

"I thought there was more participation in Spirit Week this year," said junior Chris Kleimola.

Spirit Week was as successful as ever, and the efforts reached the same end in a game against Calumet. The score was 15-0, a victorious Homecoming.



Senior Anne Hoffman gets a little carried away by senior Jeff Hamilton. The obstacle course was just one of the three competitions that the homecoming court competed in with their partners.

Homecoming Royalty. Senior Linda Gabrys and senior Mark Halverson are crowned King and Queen during halftime of the Homecoming game. The King and Queen were a result of student voting.



Get Down! Seniors Brian Royce and Amy Gonzales boogie to the beat at the Homecoming dance. Many students attended the dances given frequently after the home football and basketball games.

"Silly Warriors, Panthers have all the Trix," was the junior class' winning float. The theme for this year's homecoming was breakfast cereal characters.

Lockers hold hidden treasures and surprises

Use of Lockers varies greatly

It's old, brown and it always sticks. It's kind of ugly—like my locker neighbor!" sophomore Roni Dimitrioff.

What is she talking about? Her locker, of course. Some students overlook and sometimes forget about this home-away-from-home. But others treat their lockers with a little T.L.C. and try to improve it in any way they can.

"My locker features pictures of the latest babes in heavy metal," junior Julie Davids. Her locker is one that stands out in many peoples minds whenever the thought of lockers or metal music comes to mind. Like some others Julie's locker is lavished with pictures of guys, mirrors and other paraphernalia. Where is this famous locker? Just walk down the hall and when you see a crowd of girls drooling over Jon Bon Jovi, Ratt and many others, you'll know.

"I have to abuse my locker. Half of the time the lock doesn't open. So I get mad and kick the locker, also the top won't close without slamming it about ten times!" junior Jenny Schutz.

Locker abuse seems to be a common way to express one's anxieties. For example, you can always tell when your friend has just had a fight with their current "lover". It's usually a combination of trying the combination at least five or six times, swearing, kicking the dent at the bottom in worse, swearing, throwing their books and finally slamming it shut. All of this combination can also characterize a test of any sort. That you forgot about being late for a class, insanity or vengeance. Your locker after it has closed upon your finger, scratched your arm or given you some other locker injury.

But, lockers can serve other purposes besides an anxiety reliever or a place to keep your stuff. Lockers also serve as a place of rest as you're talking to friends the first thing you do when there's an open spot is to lean against them or hang on the doors.

"I don't keep anything in my locker. It's all in my boyfriend Ray's!" said junior Jennifer Atkinson. Not unlike many people, Jenny abandons her locker to be closer with her boyfriend. Many students also share lockers with a close friend if their locker is nearer to classes. This leaves more passing time to gossip in between classes.

But the majority of the students seem to feel the same way senior Amy Schmidt does, "My locker really doesn't excite me—ya know—a locker is a locker!"



Surrounding by heavy metal mania, junior Julie Davids gets her books for her next class. Many students enjoy adding a little life to their lockers by putting pictures and posters up.

Does anyone want to claim this locker? With Bon Jovi, Ratt, and David Lee Roth hanging up, most girls probably would in a minute. This is one of the various ways people make their school life more exciting

Some people like the simple things in life. A common way students decorate their lockers is with nothing at all. They feel the clutter just gets in their way when they are getting books.

"Home Sweet Home," sophomore Deanne Tanis spices up her school day with a decorative locker including many things which characterize herself. Each student has their own technique.





Standing Tall! Students who can't find a seat on the ledge, find pleasure in just standing around the ledge and watching people or talking with friends.

Wake up and do your homework! Senior Don Padur tries to help friend, senior Jim Graft with his homework. The ledge is a favorite spot to study or catch up on forgotten assignments.



The mysterious attraction of The famous ledge

A Legend -a- hangout-grows

Is it just a place for the rah's to congregate to gossip? A place to relax? What does the ledge really mean?

"It's the big hangout in the High School where ya check people out that walk by!" said Mary Jane Grubach, junior.

The ledge is a tradition in itself. Students have gathered here since it was built. What's so big about the ledge and why do people go there?

"I go to try to sit back and relax before class," said Rusty Bereolus, senior.

The ledge seems to be the most popular in the morning, at lunch, and after school. It's where students squeeze together to try and relax for a little while.

"I go to the ledge to talk with everybody else there," said junior Sherry Whitaker.

Social addition is what it's called

sometimes, or more simply the need to be around others. Many peoples' main reason for hanging out at the ledge is basically to talk with their friends.

"It's a place where you can scope the scene!" said junior Kendra Davis.

"I go to check out my main squeeze!" said junior Sue Simon.

But there are other reasons people flock to the ledge.

"The ledge is a great place to find someone with the answers to your homework," said senior Amy Schmidt.

Between classes you can often see students switching papers and trying to find answers to homework and tests. Many times you'll hear the familiar question, "does anyone have biology?" Most students that frequent the ledge are well known simply by reading the ledge. Most students like to leave their name on the ledge with little mes-

sages.

"The ledge is a great place to go if you like writing on things. You can find out who loves who and who hates who and maybe learn a few new words, too!" said junior Jenny Schultz.

One of the most popular things to do at the ledge is gossip and watch people walk by. It's uncommon to see a person walking along past the ledge because people know they will be 'checked out' by the 'ledgers'. They need someone with them while walking past for moral support.

"I really could care less about 'the ledge', I don't go there anyways, sophomore Roni Dimitroff.

The Ledge—a simple name for such a complex yet very important part of student lives here at Griffith High School.



OK—everyone all together now on the count of three, senior Sean Jacoby directs friend, senior Jay Gal in a song. Many people come to the ledge to relax and goof around with friends.

What Gentleman—Two boys stand around the ledge while the girls take their seats. Some people have a hard time finding space on the ledge due to its popularity, so they choose to stand.



Cheers! Senior Phil Simcich and senior Abbe Appel play their roles as Vittorio and Charitty while they toast each other during a celebration scene in the play.

Sing, sing a song! Senior Abbe Appel (Charitty) top hat and cane in hand sings out loud and strong during one of her many solos during the play.



Sweet Charity sings a sweet song of success

*Spotlight shines
on Abbe Appel*

After ten weeks of rehearsing songs, dances and lines, the crew of Sweet Charity was ready to perform. On November 21, 22, and 23, a cast consisting of about 50 people and a stage and make-up crew made up of 25 people were ready to perform what they had worked so hard on.

Greg Burbridge, senior said, "I thought the play was a real success. It looked as if everyone put forth a hard working effort. It was really funny in some parts, too."

Senior Abbe Appel, who played the part of Charity, said, "I thought that the cast was fantastic. Everyone cooperated with the directors and each other. They were all very talented."

Sweet Charity, "The story of a girl who just wanted to be loved," was what the posters said. It was a musical

comedy about a dance hall hostess, Charity Hope Valentine, who wanted to get married so that she could settle down with one man. She was tired of being nice and dancing with strange men for a living. One day she meets Oscar Lindquist, who she thinks is the perfect man for her. After weeks of going out, he proposes to her. He eventually tells her that he can't marry her because the thought of her being with all those other men would linger with him.

Director, Mr. Gerald Spejewski, said, "Except for being a bit noisy, this year's cast was more cooperative and easier to motivate."

"I thought it was good. It was quite funny, too. They looked like they really were enjoying themselves," said junior Irene Djukic.

Abbe Appel also said, "Being part of this year's production was very different

than being in the past ones. This year I had the lead character. I had a lot of weight on my shoulders. But it paid off, because I got a lot of roses this year."

"All musicals are hard to work with when one has to combine acting, singing, dancing, lighting, sound, sets, etc. That person has a task. Additionally, we had a large amount of injuries," said Mr. Spejewski.

He also added, "No doubt about it! The play was a great success. It was one of the best shows I've ever done."

Senior Dave Coll said, "I had a great time being part of Sweet Charity even though I didn't get to see it because I was in the band."

Mary Jane Grubach, junior, who had the part of one of the dancers, said "I thought it kicked. I had a lot of fun being in it."



Is she dead? "Sweet Charity" senior Abbe Appel and "Vittorio" senior Phil Simlich perform in a drastic scene during GHS' fall premiere of "Sweet Charity."

Pretty as a picture, senior Abbe Appel (Charity) admires a picture while being secluded from everyone else so she can take a break to eat and catch her breath.

Through rain through sleet cold and snow

Students find a way to school

Finding a way to school each morning can be as easy as pie for some students or just the making of another day's problems for other students. "I usually don't know how I'm getting to school until it's time to leave," said senior Amy Schmidt.

Many students have enough worries at 6:30 a.m. without having to think about how and when they'll be getting to school. "I get to school on my energy for knowledge and if that doesn't work I hitch hike," said senior Kym Gunnum. Some students are constantly running late and after looking at their alarm clock just fall back into bed after they realize they don't have a ride. Junior Tammy Childers said "I'm always running late so I blow every stop sign on my way to school." If every student had a car and a license to drive, there wouldn't be as much worrying going on

in the morning.

Many students living further away from school have the so-called "privilege" of taking the bus to school. Some take advantage of the bus while others refuse to be seen riding the bus. Some feel the bus arrives too early and returns home much too late after school. "The buses are also much too crowded and most students don't want to be bothered with a crowd full of screaming kids in the morning," said junior Sue Simon. The buses do provide a safe, warm way to school, though.

Quite a few students transport themselves to school by means of their bicycle while others may even ride their skateboard.

Junior Kendra Davis said "I bug my mom, and on the way home, me and Kire Volpe walk until someone gives us a ride." Many students spend a lot of

morning time persuading their parents to get dressed, warm up the car, and take them to school. Parents hate this, but in the end they usually give in. "My best friend drives everyday, but when she can't my dad gets up or my boyfriend takes us," said junior Juli Davids.

Many girls call their boyfriends as a last resort with hopes of getting a ride to school. Some boys even find themselves hitching a ride with their girlfriends. One of the pleasures of having a boyfriend or girlfriend from the same school is that both can share rides to school each day, providing that both agree and are willing to drive over to the other's house to pick them up each morning.

"No matter what form of transportation used, students always find some way of getting to school," Senior Barney Byrd said.



This is the way everyone wishes they could get to school. Whether driving their own car or conning their parents, a lot of students would give a lot to drive to school.

Hum De Dum Dum. Senior, Mark Halverson walks diligently to school with his bag of books. Many students have no other choice than to walk to school each day.

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Sophomores Deanne Tanis and Jeff Strack wait patiently as the photographers arrange them in a perfect posing position. Some students choose to request different poses.

Girls just wanna have fun! Many girls left their dates for a short time to join on stage for a quick dance in the spotlight. Dancing on the stage seems to be the traditional thing to do.

What's the new news in the latest styles?

Making our own fashion statement

"Guess" what now? Fads and fashions seem to go in and out of style so frequently it's hard to keep up with the latest fashions or do people really care about fads anymore?

"Fads are a funny thing! You'll hear someone criticize someone else's clothing, but within a week they'll be wearing something just like the clothes they made fun of. I just wear what whatever I like, not worrying what other people think," said senior Brian Royce.

This year seemed to be a big year for fashion statement" at GHS. Nowadays they're are so many different kinds of clothes on the market that one could get away with wearing almost anything.

When walking down the hall, one might see a wide range of clothes:

leather jackets, "Guess" jeans, mini-skirts, western boots and accessories and "Coca-Cola" sportswear. The options seem to be unlimited.

"Everyone dresses according to their "group" of people that they hang around with (preps, punks . . . etc.). I like to dress up for school but on weekends, I like leather and spikes," said junior Amy Pement.

Most people have their own thoughts and ideas on what is "in" and "out" according to their unique personalities or lifestyles. Also many will argue on fads and fashions—sometimes what one person thinks is great, others might not be caught dead in.

"This is the leather era: black leather pants and black leather jackets. Also, the mafia look is in!" said senior Rob Kirby.

The thing that's "in" is black leather jackets with chains and ripped pants."

"I think those "Miami Vice" jackets are way out of it—paisley is in. I think people are too afraid to dress differently, it seems like everyone dresses the same," said senior Rocky Kolbert.

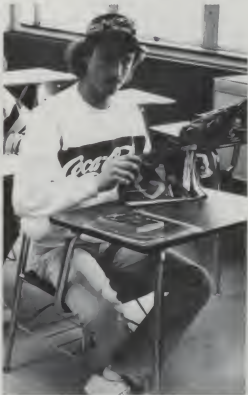
Sometimes clothes that have been around for ages make a big comeback. "I think the most prominent fad of this year is the jean jackets. A lot of people have them already and more new ones show up everyday. The best thing is there are a lot of different styles to go with anyone," said junior Liane Patrick.

I think right now, there is no main fashion statement. Everyone basically wears clothes that suit their personality and style the best," said junior Kelly Zylo.



Hey! What's up? While taking a break from their classes junior Miljana Balac, senior Kiré Volpe, senior Stacy Brady and sophomore Chris Galambos discuss the latest fashions.

Walking down the halls on almost every GHS student wears Reebok tennis shoes. Many preferred them over Nike and Converse because of the comfort they provided.



While helping junior Irene Djukic with her algebra, junior Kris Bowron makes a fashion statement with her tie dyed sweater. Tie dyes were a new thing at GHS.

Coke is It! Well at least Coca-Cola clothes are! Senior Dave Veronesi is just one of the many students who wears the Coca-Cola brand shirts and sweaters that seem to dominate the halls.

Gossip & Rumors: New News Always Roams The Halls

Did you hear the latest?

Remember me? My name is gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I'm cunning and malicious and I gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level of society. My victims are helpless. They can not protect themselves against me because I have no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it's never quite the same. My name is gossip.

Rumors—Gossip—Lies. It seems to be the thing everyone complains about in Griffith. So why do people do it?

"People gossip and spread rumors because in a strange way it makes themselves feel better about accepting their own failures by being able to

point them out in someone else," said Mrs. Margie Keithley.

"I feel people gossip because when they do it they receive a lot of attention from their friends and even people they don't know," said junior Liane Patrick.

Sometimes people get blamed for gossiping—even if they're not.

"People always seem to think that I'm a gossip just because I talk loud and a lot, however, I won't say anything that I've heard about people that I like. People I don't like though, well, that's a different story," said junior Kris Bowron.

Have you every tried to track down a rumor? It seems as if everyone heard it from someone else. If all of these people are really telling the truth—then who's spreading the gossip??

"Gossip is usually spread by people who are jealous. They have nothing better to do than sit around and talk

about other people. When people gossip about others it makes them feel better," said junior Irene Djukic.

"People gossip mainly because they have this uncontrollable mouth that goes 65mph in a 35mph zone. They also have one other fantastic characteristic, they have this nose that somehow stretches into places it doesn't belong. Usually they talk about someone that they either don't like, or that they are jealous of. The gossippers usually pick up some little bits or pieces of someone else's business and they add what they think should go along, and the next thing you know there is some outlandish, wild story going around that seems to grow in color as it reaches someone new. Basically these people have nothing for brains and don't know their head from a hole in the ground!" said senior Shawn Jacoby.



Hey Tiff! How do you think you did on that test? Seniors Mary Jane Grubach and Tiffany Griffie gossip quietly after taking their test in Mr. Dalton's class.

Seniors Jennifer Benkovich and John Rockhill along with juniors Elsa Cazares, Kris Kleimola, and Jeff Mitchell waste some spare class time with a game of cards.

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Hey, what can I say? Senior Darryl Seiz shows how wonderful it is to have his very own diploma. He was even more excited when he saw it was signed. Not everyone was so lucky.

Okay, listen up everyone. Salutatorian Greg Penman gives his graduation speech. He missed being valedictorian by one A-. Graduation speeches are infamous for cutting down the administration.



Seniors Bob Lavin, David Ruiz, Jerry Tomasic, and Keith Horvath boogie to the beat on stage. They entertained other floor dancers while the band took a break.

Senior Nancy Pirau and her date receive a prom booklet while their tickets get checked at the door. They look forward to a fun-filled night of dancing.



This was a night to remember for many students

Burbridge and Schmidt reign

Finally! Saturday evening, May 10 had arrived. Days were counted down for this special occasion. It was a time for trading in jeans and sweatshirts for gowns and tuxes, getting a haircut, going on crash diets and daily trips to the tanning salon.

It was time to give up going out to the movies to save money and start bargaining with dad for the use of his car for the evening.

Meetings were held before and after school to plan the decorations, music and scheduling "A Night To Remember."

It was prom time. "Prom was a very special night because I spent it with a very special person," said sophomore Sharon Owczarzak.

Some students spent prom night with their boyfriend or girlfriend, but many just went as friends.

"Last year's prom was a blast because I had a great date!" said sophomore Maryjane Gruback.

Prom also involves a bit of tradition. The following Sunday, couples gather at state parks, amusement parks, or even another state for the day.

Juniors Greg Burbridge and Amy Schmidt reigned over the gallant evening as prom King and Queen with a court of Jeff Ritter, Julianne Rowe, Jeff Hamilton, Anne Hoffman, Mark Halverson, Linda Gabrys, Todd Zalcow and Kiré Volpe.

"I was in total shock! I was just happy to be on court. I didn't realize it until I woke up the next morning and knew it wasn't a dream. It was the greatest thing that ever happened to me," said senior Greg Burbridge.

Prom was held on May 10 at Saint Constantine and Helen Greek Ortho-

dox Cathedral Hellenic Cultural center in Merrillville.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by New Release as the students danced the night away.

Turquoise pink and white were the colors with the orchid as the flower. The theme "A Night To Remember" was devised from Loverboy's "This Could Be The Night" the song for the evening.

"Since last year's prom was my first it was really fun! The band and people were great and everyone looked so nice! Partying the day after was the best part!" said sophomore Jayme Budack.

"I had a great time at prom last year! It was fun seeing everyone all dressed up. I'm really glad I went!" said sophomore Kendra Davis.



Open wide! Seniors Dave Udchitz and Heidi Warasz enjoy a friendly prom dinner together. Dinner is just one of the many highlights of a great prom night.

As prom night progressed, the crowns for prom Queen and King were handed down to juniors Amy Schmidt and Greg Burbridge. They danced to the song "This Could Be The Night."

Rain can't keep the seniors from leaving G.H.S. *Party atmosphere grabs students*

June 1, the day the class of 1986 had waited for since kindergarten had finally arrived.

Graduation, which symbolizes that final step into the adult world, may to some people be the most important part of their high school career.

The class of 1986 held their graduation inside the varsity gym because of the weather.

"It's unfortunate that we had to move inside because of the wind, but otherwise, commencement went very well," said Principal Sam Cox.

The honor of the title "valedictorian" was given to three seniors with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. These students included Anne Wiltfong, Mark Anderson and Dave Imboden. Senior Debbie Tumbula earned the title of salutatorian.

The one thing that's most looked for-

ward to, besides graduation and being out of school itself, are grad parties. Some ex-students couple up with others and have a combined party while others remain solo. Halls and homes are decorated, food and snacks are prepared, and people are invited. Usually graduation parties last into the middle of the summer and are always a success.

There are many joys and fears that go along with graduation. The joy to be finally out of school. To some it means no more getting up early, staying up late, rushing to classes or cramming for tests. To others it's scary going out into the adult world and having to be responsible.

Many different paths are taken after graduation. For some, college is automatically the next step. Others will go to a trade school or may enlist in one of the armed forces. Then there are those

who have had enough with high school and end it there. But whatever path they take, it will be a big decision for everyone.

"I miss last years senior class—they were so much fun and they were so rowdy!" said sophomore Sharon Owczarzak.

Even though they were on the verge of graduating, their "rowdiness" still prevailed when some beachballs appeared among the restless seniors and were tossed around.

After the diplomas were distributed and the tassels were advanced, it was time for these seniors to take that giant step into the adult world where the future may have many surprises in store for all of them.

"Yeah they were a really, really neat group of kids!" said sophomore Mary Jane Grubach.



How would you like to have to play in the band on graduation day? Many seniors like Kevin Miller played for their last time during the commencement activities.

Speaking in front of her graduating class, Valedictorian Anne Wiltfong gives her speech and advice to her peers. Anne was one of the three valedictorians of the class of '86.



Starting up a little trouble while fellow graduates received their diploma's. Bob Lavin and Rick Layman blew up beachballs that were tossed among the graduates while commencement took place.

Valedictorian Mark Anderson accepts his diploma with a look of happiness. He was just one of a class of 227 that received their diploma's on June 1, 1986.


Tackling work

Getting serious doesn't mean it can't be fun

Griffith—What is the real reason for school? Take away your friends, dances, sports, passing periods, and lunch, what's left? Just boring classwork. Is it really all that boring, though? Just about every class had something that made it more interesting. "In third year Spanish, we made pinatas. It was a nice change of pace from written work, although I was a little disappointed that we didn't get to actually put candy in them," said junior Steve Allison. "In adult prep we got to have debates. The topics range from rape and abortion to child abuse. The debates really raise your consciousness and you find out how other students stand on the topics," said Christina Vasquez. "In biology 1 there are lots of little projects to break up the monotony of everyday classwork and note-taking. Most of the time they're pretty fun but sometimes they can be a real pain because of the amount of time they take up," said sophomore Denise Mikulski. In government we had a mock government. One class was the Senate and my class was the House of Representatives. We tried to get our own bills passed and we even heard a speech from the "President" Mr. Birk. It was a lot of fun and we learned a lot," said senior Rich Brill. "In French, just when you're at your wits end you can't take classes anymore we have share a thoughts. Everyone writes down whatever is on their mind and Miss Weber reads them out loud. It's a good break and most of them are funny. It's also a good way to get a problem off of your chest," said junior Amy Wilkening.

There's always the exception. "Nothing is different in any of my classes. They're all the same to me," said sophomore Gary Foust.

If you're like Gary and nothing is exciting or new, just boring, then we've got news for you.



Overworked. Charlie Blackwell, junior, adjusts his volume after he realizes he's disturbing students who haven't finished yet.



This little piggy should have stayed home! Senior Dave Coll makes an incision in his pig as he tries to lift out its heart. Pigs were used in advanced biology to teach about the human body.

You've got to be kidding! Senior Sherri Moore finds yearbook work isn't always fun as senior Margie Hyland checks the length of her story. Stories had to be the right length or rewritten.



Oooo gross! Junior Steve Allison makes a messy job of making his pinata for his third year Spanish class. He tries to shake the goo off of his hands and back onto his project.

Reflector. Back: Michele Berens, Milana Bdos, Kris Vobe, Jeff White, Tim Yoko. Middle: Jeff Hoffman, Kim Mitchell, Charloff Kosowayk, Sherri Moore, Kris Somayak, Brian Wright. Front: Stacey Brady, JoAnna Simon, advisor, Mrs. Julie Marchek, Jennifer Benkovich, Margie Hyland.



Panther Press. Back: Carlos Cundiff, Becky Hoot, Matt Huss, Steve Fowler, Paul Doctor, Eric Fratter. Middle: Karl Kommer, James Corio, Chris Carter, Dove Kanellos, Brian Kehr, Amy Gonzalez. Front: advisor, Mrs. Julie Marchek, Chris Black, Lisa Jordan, Karen Imboden, Bill Stokes, Tracy Clark.



Co-chief photographer, senior Jeff White stands on a chair while focusing for his shot. While gaining a vantage point for deadline pictures, he was photographed by another anxious photographer trying to meet his own year book deadline.

Senior Tracy Clark works on an assignment for Journalism II. Clark is part of the staff for Panther Press. Journalism II is aided by the hard working students with talent for writing and researching. Care must be taken by staff members at all times.



Getting the job done is more work than fun

The hustle and bustle of the J-Room is well known all around the school. People hear all about the fun and games but does anyone really know how much work goes on?

There are many hours spent typing stories, getting interviews, and laying out the paper and the yearbook all of which is in preparation for the end results: The Reflector and the bi-weekly issue of the Panther Press. Deadlines must be met on time and to do this there is a lot of hard work that must be completed. Senior Jennifer Benkovich, editor-in-chief said, "It is much more difficult than I thought. Getting the staff to accept my role as a leader and trying to motivate them to work in a laid back environment they were presented was very hard. I think I'll have benefitted from this experience, whether good or not, in the long run."

The Reflector underwent a change

this year. The date of receiving the books was changed to the middle of August rather than the usual end of May date. By changing the date, it allowed the staff to take their time and be more creative. It also gave photographers more time to get better pic-

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—Senior Chris Black

tures.

Every two weeks an issue of the Panther Press is put out. There is a lot of preparation beforehand. A meeting is held to decide what is going into the next issue. Stories are assigned. The paper must then be laid out and every-

thing is edited to fit into the space provided. A lot of experience is gained from being on staff. "I think more than anything I've learned how to be a good leader. Anybody can just tell someone to do something, but few people can really have the confidence to really make an important decision. I think I learned how to make these crucial decisions and grew because of it," said senior, Chris Black, editor-in-chief.

Miss Julie Marcinek, advisor, said, "This year's staffs did very well. They did challenging things and weren't afraid to tackle changes or tough assignment." It must have paid off because both staffs placed third in the IHSPA Harvey Awards. Also, Layout Editor, senior Sherri Moore, got an award of excellence at the JEA convention in Chicago. She said, "It was a real honor because I didn't expect it."



Advisor, Miss Julie Marcinek and Editor-in-chief senior Jennifer Benkovich paste together the cover for the Reflector. Moving back the delivery date for the book allowed more time to be spent putting on the finishing touches.

Managing Editor, senior Lisa Jordan asks Editor-in-chief, senior Chris Black for advice while laying out a page for the paper. Many hours after school are spent trying to proportion the articles and pictures correctly.

Voice gives courage and self-assurance

Many people think choir consists of simply memorizing some notes and words and performing in front of an audience. Choir is much more than that. It takes a lot of skill, talent, self-discipline, patience and extra time out of school.

The choir is divided up into girls chorus, concert choir, chorale, and choralettes. Each group begins with physical and vocal exercises to relax muscles and limber up the voice.

Many students learn something about music from choir. "From choir I've learned how the voice works and about tone quality," says sophomore J.J. Boylan. Choir isn't a required course, but it takes just as much attention as any other class. Junior Ray Jajowka says, "The most important thing I've learned in choir is self-discipline."

There are three concerts all the choir groups work towards. These are the Fall, Christmas and Spring Concerts. There are also other performances

such as Festival. Festival consists of the mixed choirs of several surrounding schools that meet at one school and practice numbers they have learned with a new conductor. The idea is to see how well the choirs can adjust to someone else and to learn something new. Each individual school also per-

Choir is a break from the usual class with books, but something still gets accomplished.

senior Cindy Bowman

forms their own two numbers.

Another opportunity to learn outside of school is at the ISSMA Contest. The judges give advice on what could be improved. Awards are given to those who receive a first or second place. Senior Lisa Waters says, "From contest I

have learned to build up my self-confidence to sing in front of others."

Choir is enjoyable for various reasons. "The best thing about choir is the family-like atmosphere," says junior Tammy Billingsley. Senior Cindy Bowman says, "Choir is a break from the usual class with books, but something still gets accomplished. Through choir I've learned to get along with others and cooperate to work as a team."

This year the choir students got the chance to experience a student teacher, Ms. Helen Brouillette. She has some different techniques and is teaching the choirs in her own way.

Choir may seem like just a blow off class to some but to the singers it's hard work!



Concert Choir: Back: Dawn Wescloewski, Cesar Hernandez, Jeff Rans, Bill Harding, Steve Frey, Eric Heinrichs. Sixth row: Shelley Marshall, Sonja Shavey, Deanna McLaughlin, Kelly Kleinfield, Charo Mitchell, Christina Carter, Tammy Redman. Fifth row: Julie Russell, Rob Shirkie, Rhonda Rans, Donette DeBoer, Eddie Senzig, Ron Chonasi. Fourth row: Christina Tani, Jennifer de la Vega, Mary Beth Burks, Kim Campani, Lisa Maggio. Third row: Jennifer Cobb, Tammy Dallas, Cindy Bowman, Angela Szafrarczyk. Second row: Kelly Marcus, Jill Harris, John Zellers. First row: Melissa Moore, Jenny Atkinson.



Festival Choir: back row: Karen King, Lisa Waters, Cesar Hernandez, Jeff Rans, Jeff Hart, Bill Harding, Charlie Backwell, Mike Marsh, Steve Frey, Eric Heinrichs. Sixth row: Dawn Wescloewski, Shelley Marshall, Deanna McLaughlin, Rich Bill, Dave Amadi, Rob Lottin, Kelly Kleinfield, Charo Mitchell, Christina Carter, Tammy Redman. Fifth row: Sonja Shavey, Julie Russell, Rob Shirkie, Rhonda Rans, Donette DeBoer, Eddie Senzig, Ron Chonasi, Lori Mitchell. Fourth row: Abbey Appel, Christina Tani, Jennifer de la Vega, Mary Beth Burks, Kim Campani, Lisa Maggio, Michelle McDonnell. Third row: Ray Jajowka, Jennifer Cobb, Tammy Dallas, Cindy Bowman, Angela Szafrarczyk, Kim Mitchell. Second row: Heather Adams, Kelly Marcus, Jill Harris, John Zellers, Theresa King. First row: Kerie Rayome, Melissa Moore, Jenny Atkinson, Michelle Moore.



Girls Chorus: Back row: Jodie Meadows, Roxanna Dewees, Tammy Whitfield, Michelle Serrato, Jeanette Howard, Jean Stucky, Tracy Zabracki, Carrie Rodriguez. Third row: Kim Wilson, Desa Stepanovich, Deanna Tarte, Tricia Turner, Dee Dee Bennett, Stephanie Church, Stacy Fields. Second row: Kelly Wilkey, Bonita Hennago, Adrienne Compank, Adrienne Green, Tracy Pfeiffer. Front row: Tonya Parsons, Kelly Perez, Becky Baker.



Charlettes: Back row: Mandy Boyle, Johanna Grandys, Judy McNight, Diana Seiberger, Holly Strickland. Third row: Pam Bishop, Tricia Shadwell, Rhonda Reed, Lynette Rata. Second row: Tammy Billingsley, Sarah Lutcz, Jennifer Schroeder. Front row: Jamie Budack, Debbie Parr.



Chorale: Back row: Rich Brill, Kim Mitchell, Rob Lottin, Abbey Appel, Dave Amadi, Heather Adams. Third row: Ray Jajlowka, Michell McDonnell, Jeff Herr, Karen King. Second row: Charlie Blackwell, Lori Mitchell, Karlie Beyone, Mike Marsh, Lisa Waters. Front row: Theresa Kung, Scott Farrell, Joe Mogera, Michele Moore.

Holding that final note. Senior Heather Adams and junior Erik Gettig sit along to sing a tune from South Pacific. Getting that full sound is the hope of all choral students. Most students in chorus have a background in music.



Students benefit from scientific experiment

Question—What do Marconi, Marie Currie, and Albert Einstein have in common with some students?

Answer—Their interest in science. Science is an important factor in everyday life and according to senior Mary Palucki should be studied by everyone to gain a better knowledge of their surroundings and their bodies. She went on to say, "I've taken every science class offered and I think I have already benefitted from it just by learning how my body works in biology."

"Science is very interesting. I'm constantly learning new things and it's preparing me for college courses," said junior Steve Allison. "Most colleges require you to take science in your freshman year. I'm glad I took Biology and Chemistry while I'm in high school. Even though I didn't get the best grades I know I learned a lot and I'm sure it will help me in college," said Mar-

gie Hyland. Of course, there are those who feel differently towards the subject.

"I think all of the projects we have to make in biology are a childish waste of time. What's the point?" said junior Sue

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senior Margie Hyland

Floyd.

Senior John Reitz said, "The only good thing about chemistry is that it is only an hour long.

Advanced biology students dissected pigs. "I really like biology because I enjoyed dissecting the pig and learning

in complete detail all about the human body. I was a little grossed out at first but then I learned to think of my pig as homework instead of a dead animal." said senior Lisa Zvyak. "The best thing about dissecting the pigs is the independence we were allowed. We got to learn at our own pace and take our time if we wanted," said senior Jennifer Benkovich. "I think the best thing about the pigs was naming them. I named mine Janet—that's Miss Jackson if you're nasty," said senior Brian Wright. Some of the more interesting names was senior Laura Waldron's Oogilsvie and Brooks Parkers Buffy Joe.

Dissecting pigs wasn't the only project used to teach students. In physics there were a lot of experiments used to teach different things. "Sinkies were the best," said Bill Stokes.



Junior Steve Gordon carefully observes a specimen under low power while trying to focus the microscope lens more precisely. To bring out the details in the object being observed. To succeed in biology, one has to have a fine eye for detail.

Senior Doug Sharp obviously enjoys dissecting the pig in advanced biology. Is that a real smile on Sharp's face? Every year advanced biology students dissect young pigs. The students' grades are based on their knowledge of the pigs.





Sophomores John Zellers and Lyzette Leal study their specimens in biology. While Zellers reads Leal looks to find the Little creature in the slide. Biology is a required course taken by high school students. Lab assignments add to the fun.



Senior Dave Coil proceeds to dissect the fetal pig while senior Mary Palucki reads the directions for the following steps. One must have a steady hand not to cut too deeply into the pig's interior.



Junior Chris Carp and junior Leanne Patricks look through their viewers at parts of the body so they can answer questions that are due at the end of the hour. Students must read and then look through the viewer to find the answers.

Butler Family helped

by Charity Banner

Most people think art is one of those fun classes where nothing gets accomplished all year long. If you happen to be one of these people, you're wrong! This year the art department made a Christmas Banner with the help of the student body.

The banner allowed students, who aren't enrolled in art class, to show their own artistic abilities and to help out the family of Mr. Robert Butler. Butler, who died of a massive heart attack over Christmas vacation, was the head of Central Duplicating. "Mr. Butler was a real nice guy and I liked working with him," said senior Jeff Hoffman.

"The participation on the banner was excellent. I felt the students were gracious in their donations and had fun participating with their art," said Mr. Bob Witt, art instructor. Students were asked to donate to the cause and

were given a piece of paper to draw whatever they wished. It was then copied onto the banner. "I think it turned out to be a great success. It raised a lot of money, that went to a

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senior Jim Graff

good cause. The banner looked real good except for the 'Motley Cruism,' said senior Jim Graff.

The banner is now hanging in the library, for those who haven't been able to see it yet. "It is a good representation of current interests of high school students," said Witt.

Most all of the art students take pride

in their work. There seems to be an atmosphere of competition in the art room. This year seniors Jim Graff, Jeff Hoffman, and Mike Steffan were accepted into a Northwest Indiana and Eastern Illinois art show. Jim Graff received an award of Distinction, which is an extremely high," said Witt. "I was pretty surprised and happy because the competition was good. The truth is I didn't think I was going to get one (award) at all. Before the show began, I browsed around and found the winning art and mine was not among the top awards, so I was really surprised when I won!" said Graff.

Again, this year the art department had their annual art show, during May, in the library. All students, with a high quality of work, were allowed to participate. Students were which three they liked best.



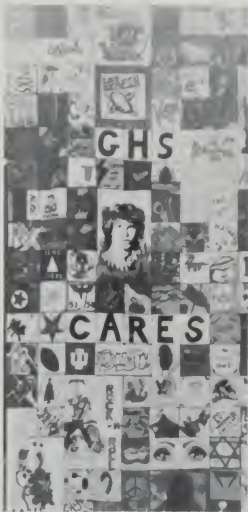
Jim Morrison, leader of the Doors, who is believed to be dead, is the center of attention of the art banner. Many others like Pink Floyd, ZZ Top, and Led Zeppelin were also included in the blanket by students who are their fans.

Ron Chonski, junior, gives new meaning to the saying it's a dog eat dog world as he carves a sculpture of a dog's head out of clay for his ceramic class. He's carefully carving the teeth for his dog.





Avoid the Noid! Senior Mike Steffan makes his contribution to the art room walls as he paints the infamous "Noid". Many of the senior art students like to make their mark before they have to graduate.



Griffith High School Cares. The Students raised money for the Butler family by charging students 50 per square in order to display their artistic abilities to the whole school. The blanket was displayed in the school library.



Don't get your hands messy! Senior Jim Graft makes a silk screened T-shirt for a grade in silk screen class. He is pressing down firmly to spread the ink over the fabric in order to get a clearer image.

Teens think exercise irrelevant to health

"Janie, you're not physically fit and you should be ashamed of yourself for letting your body get out of shape," said Mrs. Baxter, Janie's physical education teacher.

It's a known fact that the level of physical fitness is low throughout the nation. "I have taught at Griffith 18 years and I would say there is a definite decline. When I began teaching at Griffith my students participated in the Presidents Physical Fitness Program which is very similar to the Marine Corp fitness program which they are now participating in," said Mrs. Bernice Koby, girls' gym teacher. Koby went on to say, "They even enjoyed participating."

Teens, as well as adults, need to realize that exercise and diet are very important to the physical fitness and appearance of the human body. "Exercise like diet is an individual thing.

We can only make students aware of the need for a good diet and exercise program. The individual has to take it from there." What teen-agers do now will affect them for the rest of their lives. Exercise can help more than the physical shape of one's body. It can help a

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person's complexion as well as their mental health. Instead of exercise one chooses to starve, which does no one any good.

There seem to be several reasons why teens are less fit. The American so-

ciety offers too many other areas of recreation and they seem to neglect the indoor and outdoor physical activities. "I also feel that especially the girls have grown up too fast. They are so overly concerned about their appearance. This is ironic to me because they want to look great, but they don't seem to think exercise can get them there," said Koby.

Everyone needs to understand that exercise is very important to one's health. The high school offers several different activities for teens to participate in. The P.E. classes this year participated in Golf, Bowling, Archery, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Softball, Football, Aerobics, Weight Training, Badminton, and table tennis. Some high school classes have gone to Bowl Arena and Sports Illustrated is being considered.



Tim Shutter, sophomore, has control of the ball, but not for long if Jason Gonzalez, sophomore, has anything to say about it. The competition was fierce for this afternoon gym class that was held outside.

I've got it! Senior Mark Smith jumps up to try to hit the ball during a volleyball game in advanced boys' physical education. Volleyball is just one of the many sports the boys participate in during the year.





Randall Smith, sophomore, makes a quick turn to kick the soccer ball back towards his goal for the winning point. What a great way to spend a warm school day! There's no other way, but to spend it outside



Someone, please lighten the load! Junior Dave Arndt takes part in the weight lifting program sponsored by coach Les Thornton to help strengthen his football players. Dave hopes it will improve his performance next year.

Junior Craig Galt springs up to spike back the ball during gym. The boys' advanced classes and the girls' P.E. classes get to play together for volleyball and a few other sports, also, such as softball.

Students will survive mandatory English

"Come on, ring bell, ring. This class is so boring. I can't wait to get out of here. 5 more seconds. 3, 2, 1, Rrrring. Yeah, finally the wait is over."

Most kids find Grammar and Literature to be boring. The famous combination, known as the English language, is an all time loser with high school students. Of course, there are those who like English class and follow all of the teachers instructions, but there are the rest of the kids who don't. What do they do during that hour of the day to keep them busy? They simply don't pay attention by doodling, writing notes, folding paper, doing other homework, reading a book, sleeping, and most of all daydreaming. Then there are the more daring ones who cause trouble by asking to go to the washroom, but instead roam the halls for fifteen minutes. Let's not forget a

very famous one, the sick act. Asking to go the nurse has to be an all time winner too.

Some kids, like sophomore Bill Berens, have been brave enough to come forward and admit that they are guilty of

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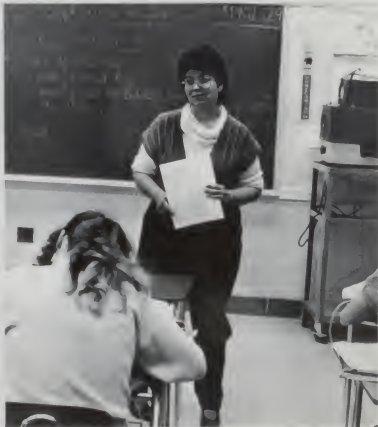
the above crimes. He said, "I have an out of body experience, in which I dream the undreamed. I meditate the mysteries of the universe and seek fur-

ther understanding between my mind, body, and soul. (I space out)" Other students like Ryan Carrell, sophomore, said "I ask if I can go to the washroom and instead I get a drink and wander through the halls. When she starts to lecture I go into space mode and think about what I can do after school. After I come out of my space mode, I wake up the kid next to me and talk until the end of the hour."

Some students enjoy the class but not necessarily the English. "I don't especially like English class, but I like the people who are in the class. Most of the people in the class have been in there three years and it's really fun because we always know what to expect from each other," said Marilyn Marszalek, sophomore. "I just see it as one step to getting through the day," said sophomore James Sanders.



Mrs. Patricia, of the English department, tries to communicate with her English class. Along with sophomore English, Mrs. Patricia teaches Beginning Composition, Basic English, and Practical Composition.



Mrs. Vaclavik gives an assignment to her sophomore English class. During the year, her students have read such classics as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Inherit the Wind*, *Julius Caesar*, and many other of Shakespeare's works.



*Get real does she really expect us to read this book? What a bore! Julie Russell, junior, tries to concentrate on reading the classic *Wuthering Heights*, catching up on Catherine and Heathcliff.*



Where in the heck is it? Sophomore Laura Garcia rapidly looks for the paper her teacher is going over. Last papers were a annoyance or a good way to get out of tuning in an assignment if the teacher believed you.

Marc Klemoff, junior, listens attentively to the day's plans that his English instructor has set up. He smiles as she reads the grades from yesterday's test. It may not be the best grade, but at least I passed.



Spanish class makes the Letterman show

"This is Late night with David Letterman. Our guests tonight will be Diane Sawyer and Shelley Long, but first lets go to our viewer mail."

This year the Spanish 4 class is producing their own David Letterman show and their own commercials. Seniors Matt Huss and Brian Plorkowski, who plays Paul Schaffer, wrote the script. It was then put on cue cards, which were held by Huss, so senior Glen Textor, who plays David Letterman, could sit back and relax.

Everyone can figure out that producing the show would be a lot of fun, but it's also a lot of work. "I think Mr. Weaver and I had the most boring jobs because we just had to watch Glen, Brian, and those guys have all the fun," said Huss. It was probably especially difficult for senior James Csonka, who ad-libbed about 80 percent of the time, because he's not in the Spanish 4 class.

Working on the project was a great deal of fun, though. It was hilarious! I had to try not to laugh at my 'guests' on the show, but it was hard," said Textor.

Some of Huss' favorite parts were "when the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man

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Senior Glen Textor

destroys Griffith and also when we throw Mr. Honeydew Head and everything else off of a five-story building." Although Spanish may now seem like fun and games, it will be a great benefit later in life. Textor said, "I think I'll

need it to graduate from college so I've already got a head start. Also, I've run into people that speak Spanish only, so it has actually come in handy already." Csonka has benefitted from this unique experience. "My Spanish speaking level is such as that I can distinguish about one out of every 20 words Spanish 4 knows," said Csonka.

French class, this year, has been studying their books diligently. Well, almost, Sophomore Marilyn Marszalek explains, "French is a good class because we get to discuss other things besides French. Before we do any French we always have a chance to talk about anything that's on our minds or discuss current events. Plus every Friday we get to write any problems we have down on a piece of paper and turn them in anonymously."



Senior James Csonka grins devilishly while thinking about how much money he is holding in his lap in the briefcase and how he would enjoy spending it. Life could be wonderful with a 100,000 dollars in your pocket.

Oops! wrong note. Senior Brian Plorkowski practices a little tune on his synthesizer while preparing for a rehearsal. Trying to live up to Paul Schaffer name and talent isn't an easy job for anyone, even Plorkowski.





Sophomore J.J. Boylan grins as he waits for the bell to ring to end French class. Now that spring has arrived, summer is only a thought away. Apparently that's what he's thinking about and how he can spend his summer hours.

Madame, Madam! French teacher Miss Betty Weber talks to her students in French and tells them of her many misadventures. She can tell the students who don't understand her by the ones who don't listen.



Senior Barb Elliot looks over her French worksheets while the class prepares for a test. Other students like senior Gordon Brady just listen while Miss Weber reviews the material to refresh the kids' memory before handing out tests.

We're going to do a commercial now, but right after this we'll do viewer mail. Right here on Late Night with David Letterman, Glen Textor, senior, obviously enjoys the part he is playing for his Spanish IV class.

Competitions good for attitude and health

This year, more than ever before Griffith students have been taking part in academic competitions. They're letting Griffith's colors shine, so to speak.

One of the first competitions this year was the Spell Bowl. During Spirit week a practice run took place for points. The real competition took place in Lowell, where Griffith fared second out of schools our size. Although second place probably wasn't what kids were hoping for, it was good practice for those who plan to participate next year.

Another competition involved the JETS team (Junior Engineer Technical Society Tests of Engineering Aptitude Mathematics and Science), in which the students involved took tests for each of the different academic courses. The academic Decathlon also went along the same lines. Both competitions took several first, second,

and third places.

Students were picked by their performance in each of the subjects and their grade point average. Some students study for the tests while others rely on their natural instincts. Sophomore Kevin Tucker agrees, "Some

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sophomore Marilyn Marszalek

people are born naturally smart but others have to work for it."

Most kids agreed that the academic competitions were a good idea for those who participated. Sophomore Bill Berens said, "It's a creative outlet that

fulfills a yearning desire within every human to reach their climax, the peak of their understanding, and their spiritual understanding. It allows, the one's of us with superior knowledge and comprehension of the universe, to simply show."

Others agree that it's good for those who aren't athletically inclined. "Just as athletic competitions are important, academic competitions should be considered important too. They're good for people who aren't as good in sports because they get a chance to show off their talents," said Marilyn Marszalek, sophomore. Sophomore Ryan Carrell also agreed, "I think academic competitions are a good idea. It gives a student a chance to compete against the top students from other schools, not just Griffith." Let's show them our stuff!



Wow, what a word! Jennifer Benkovich, senior, tries to shake out the cramp in her hand after quickly writing the correct spelling of the word for the Spell Bowl competition during Homecoming week.

This is going to be cinch! Junior Theresa Kung grins confidently, feeling secure about the All State Indiana Council of Teaching Mathematics test she will take later on in the week. She will be representing Griffith in the Algebra department.





Mrs. Susie Ehaggar goes over certain mathematical techniques for students who are planning to compete in the Academic Decathlon and on the JETS TEAM. Apparently it worked because they scored very well.



Tracy Zebracki, sophomore, takes her spelling in stride because she feels confident that it's right. I can't believe they even gave me such an easy word. This is a joke, I am 16 years old, you know



Female discrimination discussed at affair

Seniors were allowed to voice their opinion this year, at least about World Affairs. Students were given a topic to study, which was selected by people from Indiana University. I.U. organized the conference which was held on March 24, 1987 at the Hammond School of Technical Arts.

"The major area of discussion was discrimination against women in the work place," said Mr. William Birk. However, both men and women in the work place were discussed. Other topics that were discussed were child care for parents who work. Students were given materials to read before the meeting to familiarize them with the subject. Every student was allowed to participate in the discussion. "I wasn't sure whether I was going to enjoy the topic or not. My first thought was "Oh, God there's going to be a bunch of male chauvinist pigs there, but there were

very few," said senior Jennifer Benkovich. There were both large and small groups for kids to comment in.

"It was interesting, there was a time when they were asking questions and it

"I was glad I was picked because I thought it was a unique opportunity."

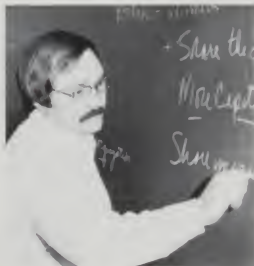
senior Michelle Lake

was interesting to hear what other people had to say," said senior Karen King. Benkovich said, "I liked the conference a lot. It was very interesting to hear other students opinions. I especially liked to hear the guys opinions because very few of the opinions were male chauvinistic ones."

"Students were chosen by their social studies teachers on the basis of their work and participation in social studies classes," said Birk. Michelle Lake, senior, explained. "I was glad I was picked because I thought it was a unique opportunity." Kids were then allowed to choose whether or not they wanted to go to the conference.

The conference was sponsored by the local Griffith Rotary Club. The club organized the conference and also paid the registration fee. "The club invited us to be a part. They have sponsored Griffith students for many years because they feel students benefit from the experience," said Birk.

"It was very interesting to go to the Rotary Club. Besides getting a day out of school, I got to hear what everyone else thought of the conference," said Jennifer Benkovich.



Is anyone listening to me? Economics teacher Mr. William Birk solemnly writes his classes notes on the board. He realizes that teaching second semester seniors cannot only be frustrating, but also disheartening.

Hey, what a great story. Junior Jeff Gifford reads a little further than what his assignment calls for so he will be prepared for the next class discussion and get some extra points. I wonder if these people really did this stuff?





Boring! Junior Irene Djukic closes her eyes to get that one extra minute of shut eye when she is supposed to be reading her history assignment. Reading assignments help students get their sleep.



Junior Mary Jane Grubach and Kelly Mish, junior, look through their American History book while answering questions that they were assigned to be handed in the next day for a crucial grade.



Students freeze while taking math quizzes

"The center of the circle is at (5,1) and another point is (3,2). I can't remember how to do this. I'm going to flunk the test! Why does he (the teacher) always put the hardest questions on the test? There goes my 'B' in this class."

A lot of kids and adults get paranoid when it comes to taking a test. Teachers often think students don't study and that's the reason why their grades drop. "If they studied enough for the test ahead of time they'd do alright," said Mrs. Carstensen, geometry teacher, who continued to say "if they cram there is more of a chance of freezing at test time." Studying isn't always the answer though according to sophomore Bill Berens, "I study for math, but my one fault is when it comes to math I think, the more I think, the more I get confused. The more I get confused the

more I fail."

Others think there really is no need for studying at all. "I really don't ever study for Geometry tests because if you don't understand it when it's explained then there is really no use in you trying

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sophomore Ryan Carrell

to do it on your own," said sophomore Marilyn Marszalek.

Some people study for tests, but just the idea of taking the test scares them and they forget everything they studied the night before. Sophomore Mi-

chelle Spohn said, "At first my mind goes blank, but once I work a problem it usually comes back to me." Amy Bohney, sophomore admitted that it happened to her a few times, "but by the time I got finished with the tests, I remembered how to solve the problems."

The students who don't look over the material, don't do their homework and sometimes drift off in class seem to just plain forget what to do. While others get it mixed up. Ryan Carrell, sophomore, said "Sometimes I forget and use the wrong formula or procedure on a problem."

Not everybody prepares for a test the same way and not everybody has all the answers. So what do you do? According to Berens "The simple solution is I try not to think a lot."



Will it ever end? I hate math tests, especially Mr. Platt's. Pushing her pencil to complete the test before the bell rings, Junior Kelly Mish utilizes her calculator and eraser while finishing the last page of the test.

Junior Paul Barenie jams to some hot tunes while doing his assignment in one of the analytic geometry classes. Many students listen to music on their headphone sets while they concentrate on their homework in class.





Is everybody gone? Hey, I'm still taking my test or at least checking it over you can never be to sure you know. Darrell Seitz, senior, sits alone finishing up his analytic geometry test. I'd better do good on this or else!

Alright, this was easier than I thought it was going to be. Mike Gaby, junior, finishes his test slowly and confidently as he reaches the last problem of the test. I didn't even really need to use my calculator.



Sew and Tell allows students to show off

The audience was relaxed and became quiet waiting in anticipation of what was to come. When suddenly there was a hush because the high school Sew and Tell Fashion Show was ready to start.

The junior high students started off the program under the direction of Mrs. Iona Glassford. Starting with jr. high kids allows the audience to see the level of progression in the clothing department.

Mrs. Margie Keithley then took over with her high school students. The atmosphere became livelier when Missy Grobowski, senior, came out dancing to a '60's tune in a poodle skirt. The skirt was made by a fellow student. The level of difficulty increases in the high school class. Students are allowed to choose what they want to make. Then there are other ambitious students who

buy the pattern and change just about everything on it to meet their needs.

Some of the more popular things made this year were Mickey Mouse sweatshirts, Purdue and Indiana University shirts, shorts and complete outfits. Other things modeled were stretch

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pants, mini skirts, long skirts, jackets, pajamas, short outfits, dresses, and formal wear.

One section of the show consisted of child apparel. Most of the outfits consisted of shorts or dresses. The little kids

on the whole stole the audience's hearts. Many of the students made outfits for their brothers, sisters, nieces or nephews.

Students weren't allowed to model whatever they wanted, they were chosen by Keithley, who makes modeling in the fashion show an honor. "Many of the girls specifically sew projects to be worn in the fashion show, because it was designed to show some of the 'best' projects. I want students to consider it an honor to be chosen to model in the show," said Keithley.

The sewing department encountered a few strange incidents this year. One of which was a sewing machine that ran on its own. Even though it was strange there was a reason; the foot pedal wasn't operating correctly. Awards were also given out to students who had worked hard all year.



Julianne Rowe, senior, smiles while looking for her mother to give her a gift that she made. All the seniors gave gifts to their Mom's, since this is their last year. Thanks Mom for all your support and love throughout high school.

M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E! Senior Joy McKnight joins the club as she models her Mickey Mouse Sweatshirt. This is almost as much fun as Disney World. Naahh couldn't be, nothing could be as much fun as Disney World, could it?





Nicole Paquin, senior, reassures her niece, Tessa, that everything is alright. Just smile and the crowd will love you, and they did. The children's section stole the audiences' heart. It isn't easy for a kid with a group they don't know.



Sophomore Julie Hedges demonstrates how easy it is to model as she holds on to her crutches. Tammy Whitfield, sophomore, walks behind, just in case Julie isn't completely stable and takes a fall.



Senior Julianne Rowe shows how difficult a blouse can be as she models an outfit she made in sewing class. She shows the back of the shirt, on which she did a beautiful job. Julianne decided to add a hat to spruce up the outfit.



The Baby:

A little innocent face was turned into one of the biggest controversies for surrogate mothers.

National

News

For students, it's pretty hard to stay up until 10:30 to watch the news and keep up with current events, especially if the next day is a school day and you have to get up at 6:00. The only real time to catch up on the news is weekend nights but let's face it, who's going to miss a good party to watch the news? So for the most part students are pretty far behind on the news. Some of the stories may be forgotten or maybe you just didn't get

to read about them in detail. For instance, do you remember Andy Warhol and Liberace dying? How about Sarah Ferguson and Prince Andrew's wedding? Refresh your memory and read on the pages about AIDS. The subjects are riveting bits of news that you may have missed.

Surrogate Mother loses Baby

On March 27, Mary Beth Whitehead, a New Jersey housewife gave birth to a baby girl. The father was not Whitehead's husband but, it was William Stern, a 40 year old biochemist Stern and his wife Elizabeth had a contract with Whitehead that she would be artificially inseminated by Stern. Whitehead would receive a \$10,000 fee.

When the child was born, Whitehead refused to give up the baby. She turned down the \$10,000 fee and went

to Florida with the child.

With the help of local law enforcement the Sterns tracked Whitehead down and took back the baby.

A New Jersey court ruled that the contract should remain and the baby which Stern's named Melissa should remain with the Sterns and Whitehead should have no visitation rights.

Whitehead has appealed and during the appeal she is allowed visitation rights. (source People magazine).



A new panic over AIDS as 12,000 Americans may have it.

A new panic over AIDS took the country by storm as a report stated that 12,000 Americans may have received infected blood transfusions.

The warning was an acknowledgement of one specific danger. Between 1978, when the disease spread to America, and the spring of 1985 when the test to identify its antibodies was given, some victims donated blood. About 9 million blood recipients from those years were still living and the Centers for Disease Control calculated that perhaps 12,000 of them may have been infected. Blood was more likely to be contaminated in cities where AIDS was most prevalent, and the risk was far lower in 1978 than it was when the epidemic had grown.

Officials said, blood recipients in the

later years who got transfusions in cities like Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, or Chicago should probably be tested.

AIDS could be tested relatively quickly by consulting your doctor and getting tested through a hospital, but a record would then exist and in states like New York, it could be subpoenaed for insurance purposes. For a free test with full confidentiality it took about two months of waiting with results in one to two weeks later. With statistics like this many people weren't being tested as they should have. That led to a greater panic, although only about 50 percent of virus carriers did not develop symptoms. But the rate of illness kept rising.



AIDS awareness kits are becoming a more visible item, now that the disease is so eminent.

Washington is Victorious

If you turned on the television in the past year and you came across any Chicago news broadcast, more than likely you heard about the Chicago Mayoral election.

The Chicago mayoral election began when Jane Byrne announced her candidacy for democratic nomination. Jane Byrne was defeated in the primaries by incumbent democrat Harold Washington.

The other candidates for mayor were republicans Thomas Hynes and Don Haider and solidarity candidate as well as mayoral foe Edward Brodyak.

The election was spatted with many disputes much name calling and a lot of campaigning.

Many conflicts between candidates occurred but mostly between mayor Harold Washington and solidarity party candidate, Edward Vrdolyak.

The *Chicago Sun Times* and the *Chicago Tribune* both endorsed incumbent mayor Harold Washington.

The *Sun Times* asked that Edward Vrdolyak pull out of the mayoral race claiming he had dealings with the mob.

Toward the end of the election republican candidate Thomas Hynes pulled out of the election because he felt there was no way he could win.

In the end the election came out like most Chicago elections the democratic won; Harold Washington was victorious.

name.

Ratt and .38 Special.

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Mayor Harold Washington was victorious in a heated race to head the Chicago city government.

President Ronald Reagan, had a lot of explaining to do over the arms for Iran scandal.



Prince Andrew weds commoner

Randy Andy was randy no more as Prince Andrew, the newly titled Duke of York and fourth in line to the British throne, wed commoner Sarah Margaret Ferguson on July 23.

The solemn ceremony took place in West Minister Abbey and was completed in 45 minutes. The nuptials went flawlessly but for one minor mistake by the bride. While saying her vows she repeated one of Andrew's four names—Christian.

During the courtship, Sarah had captured the hearts of millions around the

world. They even had a nickname for her, Fergie. Her fans admired her and tried to emulate her. This brought on new fads such as hair ribbons, red hair and being a little pudgy around the middle.

Both Fergie and Prince Andrew had been hounded by the press about their previous risqué relationships. They settled down with each other, when they were introduced by Princess Diana, who made a success of her matchmaking.

Hostages Exchanged for Arms

Ronald Reagan had a pretty clean presidential record until the past year.

President of the United States Ronald Reagan was involved in an arms for hostage deal with Iranians. This deal was kept secret from the American public and at some times the dealings were even kept secret from President Reagan.

During the first parts of the Iran Contra drama the major question was, What happened to all the money?

According to *U.S. News and World Report* Government investigators believe more than \$65 million was raised from foreign governments. Contributions and profits from the Iran arms sales.

Much of the remaining money is held in Swiss accounts, although some appears to have been pocketed by the arms dealers who served as middlemen in the complex transactions.

Congressional investigators say they now believe much of the \$65 million came from contributions by governments such as Saudi Arabia and Brunei.

Resulting from the Iran Contras deals were the resignation of White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan and the Tower commission, a group of Presidential appointees set up to investigate the dealings.

Watergate was almost relived with the Iran scandal, but the U.S. was saved.



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Entertainment

News

In entertainment this year we said goodbye to the flamboyant Piano player Liberace, pop-art persona Andy Warhol, the scarecrow from Wizard of Oz, Ray Bolger, and Captain Kangaroo's neighbor Mr. Green Jeans.

We rocked with Bon Jovi, as they had one of the most successful albums of the year. Bruce Springsteen and the E-Street Band, once again, made the

head lines with the release of a five record live album which debuted on the Billboard album charts at the number one position. The Beastie Boys released their debut rap album and U2 released the Joshua Tree and set out on the long awaited Joshua Tree Tour.

The Joan Rivers show debuted on the new FOX Network and the Cosby show once again ruled the Nielson rating.

Andy Warhol has his 15 minutes

Andy Warhol was a historian of life. From stacked up soup cans to prominent society girls shooting up, he was there. He recorded everything. He once made a film that consisted of one man sleeping for six hours.

Warhol casually brought previously "forbidden" underground material into the cultural mainstream. He made his art an attitude. He once said of it, "It's so awful, it's wonderful, it's so tacky, let's wallow in it." It placed people above the crassness of American life,

but at the same time, you could enjoy it.

He was most famous for his screened Marilyn's, Campbell's soup cans, his underground movies, and his introduction of the Velvet Underground to the country. His famous line is "In the future, everyone will be famous for 15 minutes."

Andy went into the hospital for a routine gall bladder surgery. He died on Feb. 22, from hospital negligence. His funeral was simple, like him.



Liberace struts his stuff during a Las Vegas show shortly before his battle with AIDS.

AIDS takes Liberace; a flamboyant showman

Liberace, the showman among showmen died on Feb. 10 in the midst of many scandalous rumors of homosexuality and AIDS.

Liberace's homosexuality had been one of the worst kept secrets in show business, but he had guarded it until the end. He thought his personal life was his own business. He sued a London newspaper columnist who had dared to hint at his sexual preference. He even stopped work on a biography because it hinted that he was gay.

The 67-year old entertainer succumbed to AIDS—a disease thought of by many as the gay plague. Liberace grew more sick and frail and ended a successful engagement at New York

City Music Hall with a trip to the hospital. His manager explained that it was from a special "watermelon diet" and that it was responsible for the loss of dozens of pounds from Liberace's 6 foot, 180 frame. Friends visiting him in the final days loyally supported that story.

In the end, his devoted fans seemed to not care about the nature of his illness. In Las Vegas, there was broad resentment against the newspaper that broke the news of his AIDS diagnosis.

Liberace suffered from advanced emphysema and heart disease, he was weakened by these conditions and unable to fight the deadly syndrome. In the end, the rumors were true.

Giving rock a good name.

New Jersey rock stars! No, not Bruce Springsteen but Bon Jovi. Bon Jovi is slowly becoming the biggest rock force from the Garden State. Bon Jovi is: Bon Jovi on vocals, David Bryan, keyboards; Alec John Such, bass guitars; Tico Toerez, drums; and Richie Sambora, guitars.

After nearly four years together Bon Jovi has worked the platinum status. Their most recent album "Slippery When Wet" has reached triple platinum status.

Murdoch outfoxes the networks

Rupert Murdoch, the Australian-born media mogul, decided to start a new network designed to attract younger, more affluent, and more sophisticated viewers. He decided to start his network with a surprise move in which he signed Joan Rivers to her own talk show. Independent stations were welcome to buy the syndication rights to The Late Show With Joan Rivers but it came in a package deal that consisted of the rest of the FOX network which included a show based on the hit mov-

The first two singles "You Give Love A Bad Name" and "Livin' On A Prayer" both went to number one on the Billboard singles charts.

Bon Jovi also contributed two songs to Michael J. Fox's film *Light of Day*.

The band's first album, self-titled reached gold status, while their second album 7800 Fahrenheit also reached gold status. During the years of these albums, the band took to the concert trail, opening for such groups as Kiss,

Ratt and .38 Special.

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ie *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*.

Joan Rivers, who normally sits in on The Tonight Show as guest host, sacrificed her friendship with Johnny Carson with the move. Her show was scheduled to appear in direct competition with his talk show. Johnny felt that Joan was being ungrateful towards him. After all, he had given her her first big break.

Only time will prove it a success, or failure.



Bon Jovi was at it again as they followed up their first album with 7800 Fahrenheit

Hey Babe, How about a little boom boom? Johnny B. was known for his wake up calls.

He's really crazy in Chicago!

They're all crazy in Chicago! Especially Jonathon Brandmier morning disc-jockey at WLUP in Chicago.

Jonathon Brandmier and sidekicks newsman Buz Kilman, traffic reporter Ashley Knight and sports reporter Chicago lawyer Bruce Wolf.

Jonathon Brandmier and his crew have many different bits that makes him one of the most listened to morning shows in Chicago. The most popular bits Johnny does are the celebrity wake ups, answering wake ups, answering machine Olympics scramble, pirhana man and Bruce Wolf as Chet Chit Chat.

Celebrity Wake Up calls consist of finding out where a celebrity is staying

in town and calling them early in the morning and trying to get an interview with them. The celebrities have included Kenny Rogers, Davey Jones, and Steve Martin. Most of the celebrities are very cooperative and give an interview. But, this isn't true of Steve Martin, he is in the process of suing Brandmier.

Hosting a morning radio show is not where Brandmier's talents end. He fronts the band Johnny and the Leisure Suits. They have sold out many concert halls such as: UIC Pavilion, Poplar Creek and the Holiday Star Theatre in Merrillville.

Some of Brandmier's most popular songs are "We're All Crazy" the "Moo Moo Song" and "Making Love in the





Sugar Ray is here to stay. Beating Marvin Hagler proved Sugar Ray Leonard's staying power.

Sports

News

Sports and drugs spent a lot of time in the news this year. Len Bias, college basketball player died from an overdose of cocaine, Dwight Gooden, New York Mets pitcher, was admitted to a drug rehabilitation center because of cocaine abuse, Oklahoma University football player Brian Bosworth was ruled ineligible to play in the NCAA football playoffs, because of positive testing for steroids.

New York made the headlines in two different events. The New York Mets won the

won the World Series in seven games against the Boston Red Sox. Ray Knight was named the series most valuable player. The New York Giants were victorious in Super Bowl XXI against the Denver Broncos.

Sugar Ray Leonard defeated Marvin Hagler in title defense.

... and Hulkamania ran wild.

Fighting to be Finished

Why fight? That was the big question everyone was asking Sugar Ray Leonard when he announced that he would challenge Marvin Hagler for the middleweight boxing championship of the world.

Sugar Ray and Marvin Hagler are both said to be two of the greatest fighters that ever lived, but they are both past the prime of their careers. So why should they fight? They both replied with the same basic answer. They felt they could fight and they really

wanted to fight each other.

The fact that both fighters were being paid huge amounts of money to fight and promote the fight may have encouraged them a little bit if not a lot.

The fight took place on April 6, 1987 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.

All the odds were against Sugar Ray Leonard. No one expected the fight to go all 15 rounds as it did.

In the end Sugar Ray beat the odds and won with a split decision.



Members of the N.Y. Giants celebrate after their successful tackle which helped them win the game.

The Giants win the Super Bowl with help of all

Phil Simms of the New York Giants was not known to get a high percentage of completions. As a matter of fact, he was below .500 for his two post season wins on the road to the Super Bowl. The fans booed him and the press ridiculed him. But in Super Bowl XXI, Simms showed them all and the Giants crushed the Denver Broncos 39-20.

Simms was the games MVP and he personally was responsible for beating them with the best percentage passing day in Super Bowl history—in any NFL championship game ever, for that matter. He went 22 for 25 as he quarterbacked as good a game as had ever been played.

The Giants totally surprised the Broncos by changing their whole offensive attack. They passed first and ran sec-

ond. It was thought that because of Simms low percentages that the Giants would try to establish their running game. But they went against their tendencies and were successful with it.

Another factor in the Giants win was Phil McConkey. McConkey also wasn't well thought of by the fans or press. He was even cut by the Giants at the end of training last summer. He had been too small, too slow, and too old. He was picked up by the Green Bay Packers but then four games into the season, was reacquired by the Giants after they realized what they missed. He was responsible for scoring one touchdown, set up a fieldgoal and another T.D.

The weaklings won the game.

I want to be a part of it

"New York, New York!" The Boston Red Sox were not singing a happy song after they were beaten by the New York Mets, in the 1986 baseball World Series.

The series began in Boston with Boston losing the first game in front of their home crowd. They won the next game to the delight of the Boston fans.

As the series moved to New York the Mets were behind in the series 1-2. They tied the series and went ahead 3-2. Boston once again tied the series at 3-3, but the Shea Stadium fans gave the Mets a tenth man to play with as the team and the fans rose to the occasion and defeated Boston for the World Series Championship.

The World Series Most Valuable player was New York Mets third baseman Ray Knight. Despite Knight's impressive performance in the World Series he was traded to the Baltimore Orioles for the 1987 season.

The New York Mets and the Boston Red Sox both had problems this 1987 season with their star pitchers. Boston pitcher Roger Clemens refused to come to training camp until his contract demands were met.

New York pitcher, Dwight Gooden, was admitted to a drug rehabilitation center because of cocaine abuse.

With these problems a repeat performance for these teams would be unlikely.



The big Mac attack is back

John McEnroe, cry baby of the tennis world, took a six month hiatus from the world's tennis courts because he was "tired" of the game. He led a full life for six months as he settled in a new home, grew a beard, discovered yoga, had a baby, got married, (yes, in that order) and honeymooned in Vermont.

McEnroe got back in the swing of things following his vacation with the first match with Boris Becker. Becker called McEnroe "brilliant, the greatest, and a genius." That, however, was be-

fore McEnroe shouted obscenities at him during the match. After that Becker said, "Even though he's been off six months, he's still the same guy, which is sad."

Tell that to photographer Tommy Hindley. Hindley had camped out near McEnroe's condo hoping to get a picture. McEnroe swatted a ball into his body as a form of payback.

At least Hindley can't say he never gave him anything.

After the Mets won the World Series, they were treated to a ticker tape parade.

Coach Bobby Knight led the Indiana Hoosiers to win the NCAA Tournament.

The Hoosiers find victory

Indiana won the 1987 NCAA Championship for basketball in a thrilling fashion. Indiana defeated Syracuse in the final seconds of the game.

The game seasawed back and forth and Indiana looked as if they were just about out of the game, but they kept cool and came back. Indiana cut the Syracuse lead to 73-72 with 28 seconds left and quickly fouled freshman Derrick Coleman. Bob Knight then called a timeout to try to ice the freshman.

After the timeout the teams came out and Coleman missed the front end of a one and one opportunity. Indiana grabbed the rebound and hurried up court, but still down by one, Indiana worked the ball around, trying to get a

good shot off. With five seconds left Keith Smart hit a 15 foot jumper giving I.U. a 74-73 lead. With one second to go, Syracuse called time out and needed a miracle to pull it out. The inbounds pass was stolen and I.U. had won the schools fifth national championship. Two were under Branch McCracken and three under Bob Knight. Knight became the third coach to win more than two titles. The other two were John Wooden and Adolph Rupp.

Steve Alford ended with 23 points and had sparked I.U. to win seven 3-pointers. Sherman Douglas led Syracuse with 20 points, Keith Smart had 24 points and was the hero of the game.



Newsworthy

Organizations change but students happy



Senior basketball player Brian Royce shoots for two. Being on the varsity team has enabled Royce to be in the Varsity Club.

Studying all day and then having to stay after school for another couple hours participate in club and organizational activities are all a part of the organizations routine.

Whether it was the National Honor Society staying after school to be trained for the blood drive by Red Cross Volunteers or if it was Student Council coming in early to help run the student government, the Organizations kept very busy and had fun. They also learned a great deal about working with people.

National Honor Society president, senior Dave Coil comments, "It has been both a privilege and an honor to be president of Honor Society this year. All the goals set this past year were achieved and the year as a whole was a great success."

Junior Chris Kleimola feels Student Council, "was really great. It seemed like we got more accomplished this year than last year, such as the talent show, and we will be getting the juice machine. This year just seemed like we did something."

Hard work was the main ingredient in the amount of success the individual organizations achieved. According to junior, Julie Russell—junior varsity cheerleader, "Cheerleading can be really fun but it takes up a lot of time. You have to be willing to commit yourself to it because if not, you begin to make excuses to skip practice and the games become routine."

Hard work is what separates the leaders from the followers and the good organizations from the bad.

Dedication and the willingness to work a little bit longer is what makes the GHS organizations and clubs stand out above the rest and prove that they were worthy of making the news.



Choices, Choices, Choices — Senior Dave Coil, president of the organization SADD, looks over the choice of desserts at the Lock-in. The lock-in was hugely successful for SADD.



Ziggity Boom Rah-Rah—The Pantherettes organization provides the fans at football and basketball games pre-game and halftime entertainment. The girls earn a letter for their hard work.



Go Team Go . . . The fans and the Booster Club cheer at a football game in order to support the team. The Booster Club was joined this year by many male members.

Sophomore Steve Frey gets his blood pressure taken before giving blood at the GHS blood drive. All blood donors must be tested for diseases before being permitted to donate blood.

While helping at the blood drive senior Jennifer Benkovich checks in senior Jeff White. Over 100 people participated in this annual event held by the National Honor Society on Wednesday March 4.



Varsity Club: first row: Laura Waldron, Jennifer Benkovich, Lisa Waters, Amy Schmidt, Greg Burbridge, Steve Hosen, Jamie Budock, Laura Maglan, Nick Mikulski. Second row: Nadina Oprea, Sue Wittling, Christine Tani, Kim Companski, Steve Allison, Paul Borealis, Joe Buckero, Jerry Menser. Third row: Angie Covarubias, Heather Meyer, Theresa Joseph, Chris Kermola, Craig Goff, Jeff Sweeney, Ray Pines, Jim Mirza, Mike Lettis. Fourth row: Eileen Hochstetler, Anne Depani, Joanna Simon, Polly Brand, Kelleen Hansen, Brett Oates, Jeff Hamilton, Rich Bill, Mark Halverson. Fifth row: Jenny DelaVega, Tony Hather, Mark Smith, Jeff Ritter, Julianne Rowe, Amy Gonzalez, Cindy Bowman, Linda Gabrys, Anne Hoffman. Seventh row: Karen Imboden, Tammy Jovanovich, Mike Waslo, Rob Kirby.



Back row: (National Honor Society) Jim Mirza, Steve Allison, Brooks Parker, Sue Wittling. Third row: Eric Trotter, Brett Shaw, Lance Russell, Paul Borealis, Lisa Zyval. Second row: Chris Kermola, Jamie Budock, Theresa Joseph, Teresa King, Jennifer Benkovich. First row: Matt Huss, David Col, Pam Behap, Michelle Moore, Beth Archer.

Upper Crust

N.H.S., Q & S

Recognized Spell Success

Honoring the best of the class—the hardworking of the academic, journalistic, and athletic achievers are the honor groups: National Honor Society, Boy's and Girl's State, Quill and Scroll, and the Varsity Club. Being a member of an honor group is "the honor of being the top of your class," said Junior Teresa Kung.

Sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, March 4 was a job for the National Honor Society. Several members willingly accepted the chance to miss some of their time from class to work at the drive and to give that time for the philanthropic project. Over 100 students actively participated in the drive by donating their blood to the cause were required to follow these rules: weigh at least 110 pounds and be seventeen years old.

Aside from the blood drive people seek membership. "The prestige of it! It looks

good on your school record and could give you the edge for admittance in college or for a job. You have to work for it, but it's rewarding in the long run," said Pete Schlagel, junior.

Recognition of journalistic abilities for junior and senior students is membership in the group Quill and Scroll. Officers of the club plan the end of the year banquet. This year's banquet was held at the House of Lynwood. To become a member, a student must be in the upper third of his class and have done outstanding work displaying their journalistic abilities on the Panther Press or Reflector staffs. Basically the purpose of Quill and Scroll is "It's an honor recognition for Journalists," said Ms. Julie Marcinek, Publications Adviser.

"I consider being a member of Quill and Scroll to be a reward for the stories I've written for the Panther Press.

It makes me feel that the work I've put into them is worth it," said senior Tracy Clark.

Girl's and boy's state are chosen by the social studies teachers based on citizenship qualities. These students are allowed to participate in a "mock government" in which the members can become the Governor of the make-believe state for example. They also make laws and do the things that a real government would do. For a week the group worked on having a pretend government, aside from having many civil and patriotic activities. The club met alot of new people that week.

Letting in a varsity sport and paying a one dollar initiation fee will make you a member of varsity club. Making the selections for the Homecoming candidates for King and Queen is a major job for the club.



Quill and Scroll: Back row: Eric Fratter, James Caoria, Second row: Becky Hoot, Bill Stokes, Tracy Clark, Ms. Julie Marcinek, First row: Jennifer Benkovich, Chris Black, Lisa Jordan



Boys' and girls' State: Back row: Chris Black, Matt Huss, Carlos Cundiff, Front row: Angie Vittorio, Jennifer Benkovich, Kame Reyma

Service for *Improvement* the students *makes news*



What was that last comment? Junior, Drew Gavrilos looks on surprisingly at the speaker during one of the student council meetings held before school every Wednesday morning throughout the school year.

If you want to be more involved in school on an academic level, but you also yearn to be in politics—then student government is the answer for you.

You may be wondering, how to become a member. A student who wants to join must have a paper signed by three teachers and twenty-five students. Elections took place in the spring. The members were elected by "popular vote."

Senior class councilman job is to make plans for graduation. Seniors made money by having a dance. Sweatshirts for the 1987 graduating class was another fund raising method. Each sweatshirt was monogrammed with the student's name.

Planning and organizing Prom is the job of the Junior class. Selling magazines was one of the many ways the juniors successfully raised money for the event.

A task for the sophomore

class is planning Turnabout. "We worked hard so people could have fun, and it gave us alot of satisfaction to see everyone have a great time", said sophomore Lyzette Leal.

These three groups form the Student Council. This years president was senior Lance Russell.

Many of the members thought that a few improvements could be made. Meetings held in the morning before school upset many people like sophomore Leanne Nichols who said, "Afternoon meetings would be more efficient". Others feel improvements can not be made until more people become members. Junior Debbie Parr said, "If even more people got involved, more could be accomplished."

"It's rewarding to be in council because it gives me the opportunity to become involved with school activities," Debbie Parr.



Student Council: Back Row: Jamie Budack, Brooks Parker, Tony Hather, Tricia Roach, Julie Hedges, Chris Martin, Matt Huss, Craig Galt, Kim Combank. Fifth Row: Theresa Joseph, Kevin Parsons, Devo Stepanovich, Adrienne Combank, Laura Garcia, Leanne Nichols, Sherry Allison, Teresa Kung, Dave Col, James Caserio, Fourth Row: Laura Waldron, Beth Archer, Lisa Jordan, Becky Kopf, Anne Hoffman, Amy Schmidt, Michelle Moore, Rich Bril, Heather Adams, Third Row: Tracy Zebrocki, Pam Bishop, Chris Kiernola, Christine Tanti, Kelly Zyl, Tommy Chidlers, Kris Bowron, Julie Russell, Second Row: Dawn Wesolowski, Amy Gonzales, De Anne Tanti, Greg Burbridge, Denise Hochstetler, Mary Hoffman, Tiffany Griffes, First Row: Julianne Rowe, Lance Russell, Mike Petrick, Jeff Tritter, Mr. Weaver



Senior Class—Back row: Sue Wittfogel, Eric Frattier, Matt Huss, Brian Lorie, Mary Palucki, Brooks Parker, Dawn Barabridge, Second Row: Jeff Tritter, Dave Col, Chady Bowman, Karen Imboden, First Row: Greg Burbridge, Beth Archer, Amy Schmidt, Amy Gonzales, Heather Adams, Rich Bril



Excuse me, what does that say? Mr. Ray Weaver checks the council attendance list as senior President Lance Russell looks curiously over his shoulder. Mr. Weaver has been the group's sponsor for two years.

Senior Class President Amy Gonzalez and Senior Class Sponsor, Mr. Les Thorton takes a last look at order forms turned in for caps and gowns they must make sure all seniors are well informed of this event.



Junior Class—Back Row: Heather Meyer, Sue Simon, Liane Patrick, Deanna McLaughlin, Mirjana Boloc, Pam Bhaoo, Christina Carter, Michael Wlato, Mary Jane Grubach, Second Row: Kim Campanik, Jamie Budock, Debbie Parr, Teresa Kung, Christine Tanti, Steve Albion, First Row: Theresa Joseph, Melissa Moore, Julie Russell, Chris Kleimola, Craig Galt



Sophomore Class—Back Row: Keith Miller, Dan Leslie, Tracy Roach, Earl Schreiber, Tracy Zieracki, Third Row: Chuck Moore, Marilyn Marzolek, Lyvette Leck, Adrienne Campanik, Second Row: Denise Hochstetler, Mary Hoffman, Julie Hedges, Le Anne Nichols, Laura Garcia, First Row: Ryan Carroll, Deanna Tanti, Dea Stepanovich, Stacey Bakker

Clubs Offer Sometimes Alternatives Unnoticed

Often the only thing that students ever hear about in school are the sports such as football and basketball or the cheerleaders and Pantherettes. Many students tend to believe these are the only extra curricular activities a person at GHS can participate in. Not so! Unnoticed by many students are the clubs. —Movie Workers, State Crew and Bowling. A great advantage to being a member of these clubs is that the student does not have to try out like one has to do to be in a sport or many other active groups.

Showing movies one weekend a month is the job of Movie workers. Movies can be seen at seven p.m. on Friday or Saturday nights.

Movie workers take on unusual names such as: admission taker. This person or persons takes in a fee of one dollar and seventy-five cents for a ticket. Tickets are given to the ticket takers and the ushers show a movie

goer or goers to their choice of seats in the auditorium. From seven to nine o'clock the projectionist takes over by showing a movie always a hit movie. Some of this year's movies were shown at the GHS theatre were "Top Gun", "Ferris Beuler's Day Off", and "Song of the South".

It's a great experience and a fun extra curricular activity that allows me to get out of the house and yell at the obnoxious little animals that try to turn the auditorium into the Griffith zoo," said Junior Debbie Webb.

Working behind the scenes of this year's play "Sweet Charity" under the direction of Mr. Ray Weaver, was the Stage Crew. Props and sets were designed and constructed during week-day and weekend rehearsals for the play. During the play the crew makes scene and prop changes. Sounds easy? Not always! Problems are always arising. Some-

times props aren't set out on the stage at the right time or what crew members will ever forget saving the cast members' costumes when the dressing room flooded!

Even though these activities seem to be a lot of work they are also a lot of fun! "It's fun to work with your friends and its better than sitting around doing nothing," said junior Sara Luszcz.

Bowling differs from other school sports in that it does not compete against other members in our school. Another difference is that bowlers only bowl once a week—every Wednesday.

It's a lot of fun and it doesn't take much time out of my other activities. It's relaxing just to bowl without pressures from coaches, said junior Heather Meyer.

Although these clubs and organizations frequently go unnoticed they are satisfied by just knowing they are worth while.



Movie Workers—back row: Jeff Mitchell, Susan Krug, Shelley Riggs, Charlott Krooswyk, Matt Hays, Jeff Herr, Third row: Theresa Joseph, Michelle Spohn, Amy Bonney, Michelle Lake, Karen King, Julie Ploner, Second row: Julie Bonney, Kim Dwyer, Debbie Webb, James Casica, Steve Allen, Front row: Charlie Backwell, Tim Jackman, Mike Anderson, Karl Kammer, Mr. Weaver



Bowling club—back row: Karen Beasley, Mitch Ward, Jim Toren, Scott Queen, Aaron Spas, Third row: Doug Fulkerson, Vince Gerber, Danny Leske, Donna Hochstetler, Ike Egger, Second row: Kim Reed, Keith Galacy, Dale Vierikulen, Heather Meyer, Marilyn Marczak, Ryan Carroll, First row: Deanna Sel, Jeff Herr, Mary Polucki, Dave Coll, Dennis Glover

Junior Paul Barente and his date Michelle LeGear enjoy a Saturday evening at the GHS movie theater. Many students enjoy taking their dates to see a hit movie and then out to eat.

How many tickets do you need? Junior Lisa Tumbula is one of the movie workers that helps Friday and Saturday night movies. Many students attend the movies shown at GHS when they need something to do.



Stage crew: back row: Sara Lutzar, Laura Waldron. Second row: Mr. Weaver, Matt Huss, James Ciolek, Karen King. First row: Tim Jacksons, Charlie Blackwell, Karl Kammer



Junior Bob Kane and sophomore Bonita Hennagiri submit their tickets to movie workers before entering the auditorium to watch an entertaining theatre movie. Cheaper prices are just one of the benefits at GHS.

Band Plays on and on . . . small size doesn't hurt



The saxophone section of the concert band practices on a very difficult section of a song. The song was played for the ISSMA contest and the Six Flags Music Festival that took place in April.

An important part of the G.H.S. scene is the Concert and Jazz band. These hard-working people display their ability and dedication of their talent in all they perform.

Concert band is the main group that plays at all the concerts and competitions. They are guided under the direction of Mr. Noel Cross.

Each day a simple routine is followed. The first few minutes of class is spent warming up. Then students practice on selections of music.

This year band is much smaller than in the past years. Many students felt this was a hinderance to their playing ability, while others felt it was just a cause to work harder. Band president Dave Coil said, "the band has to increase in size, but has a great potential for success".

In April the band traveled to St. Louis, to play in the Six

Flags Music Festival. Mr. Cross had only one wish for the band standings at the Festival and that was for "A good showing".

Members of concert band may join a group called Jazz Band. This group plays during the Football and Basketball games and provides half-time entertainment. There are advantages though—members get free admission and reserved seats for all home games.

Outside the classroom students may perform in solo competitions called the ISSMA contest. In the summertime students are able to go to band camp or drum major camp to improve their abilities. "You always have to work to improve to higher levels of ability," said Mr. Cross.

Improving on your talent is what being a member of the band is all about.



Concert Band—Back Row: Miss Michaels, Keith Miller, Greg Nelson, Tom Zapinski, Jerry Last, Chris Karp, Michelle Martin, Mr. Cross. Fifth Row: Philip Smith, Anne Degani, Rodney Anderson, Paul Burdick, Samantha Yockley, Theresa Boster, Mike Martin, William Curtis, Kara Stron, De Anne Sell. Fourth Row: Shelley Marshall, Don Leslie, Lanette Rola, Greg Kemp, Steve Albion, Brian Lane, Theresa Joseph, Paul Barrens, Third Row: Jeannet Degani, Cheryl Mitchell, LeAnne Nichols, Ken Herd, Michael Gaby, Rick Sell, Robert Luque, Dave Coil, Heather Meyer, Debbie Webb, Heather Garvey. Second Row: Kim Reid, Laura Garcia, Danya Crook, Jamie Farsi, Veronica Dmiltroff, Karen Beasley, Doug Filkenson, Chris Broelmann, Alan Mougherman, Lisa Tumbula. Front Row: Pete Schlager, Michelle Lake, Amy Hawkins, Jennifer Cadwell, Dawn Dagon, Christine Houchin, Stacey Bakker, Rebecca Fuhrer, Lyzette Lecl, Theresa Wroblewski, Lisa Zydek.



Jazz Band—Back Row: Jennifer Cadwell, Amy Hawkins, Michele Lane, Tom Zapinski, Chris Karp, Karen Beasley, Pete Schlager. Third Row: Shelley Marshall, Michelle Le Gear, Theresa Joseph, Greg Kemp, Paul Barrens, Brian Lane. Second Row: Lisa Zydek, Paul Burdick, Rodney Anderson, Anne Degani, Philip Smith. Front Row: Stacey Bakker, Lyzette Lecl, Heather Garvey, Dave Coil, Kara Stron, Heather Meyer, William Curtis.



Michelle Lake, senior, and Christine Houchin, sophomore, practice on a new selection of music for an upcoming concert. Each day the girls practice on improving the flute section of the band.



Hey, They're playing our song! Junior Rodney Anderson and sophomore Paul Burdick concentrate on their music with hopes of hitting every note correctly. The band practices hard as they strive for perfection.



Drum Majors: Pete Schaeffer, Leo Zivak



Little Boy Blue come blow your horn. Junior Paul Barenie plays his trumpet while junior Theresa Joseph looks at the music. Many of the band members participate in the pep band at the home basketball games.

Efforts are Members Recognized Work Hard

It's a well known fact among many of us that there are a few adults in the world who believe that all teenagers are trouble makers and are worthless. Trying to prove these people wrong by helping out the community is the organization called DECA.

Anyone who walks down the Jr. High Hallways is bound to smell the delicious odor of cakes, brownies, and cookies. Most students assume the smell is originating from the cooking classes, if one would do a little more exploring and take a walk further down the hall they may find a bake sale—a Deca bake sale that is. Deca sponsors several bake sales throughout the year, as a fundraiser. The money does not go to the organization or even to the school, but to the Griffith Emergency Fund for needy families. Several times a year needy families are given the money to pro-

vide them with food and clothing. Bake sale proceeds also went to pay for some of the decorations for downtown Griffith at Christmastime.

Goodies were not the only things that were sold to make money. Many more fundraisers were held through out the year. Members sold M&M candies, candles, and Christmas wrapping paper.

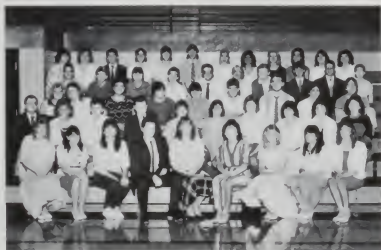
PANTHERS are GREEEAT, was the slogan for this year's Homecoming Deca float. Tissue paper flowers outlined the float while a life-size referee and panther football player stood on top of the float's mini football field.

The winning fever was in the air, as many Deca members participated in the Career Conference. Participants first took a written test and then took part in a "mock event". Managers from the local businesses and teachers from out

school were the judges for the conference. Many students received high honors. Awards from sixth to first place were given to the winners. "It was really fun to do your best and to win," said senior Lynette Feila. Rob Lat-tin senior placed the highest in the Deca group. Placing third in the state and then going on to the National Conference.

The annual Deca banquet was held in the Springtime, at the House of Linwood.

There is no way to sum up what Deca is because it is so many things. It's a provider for many needy families in Griffith, and prepares students for a job, among many other things. If you had to state the whole basic idea for having Deca it would be: "The whole idea of Deca is to get people involved in school activities," said Mr. Reymore.



Deca Members—Back Row: Brenda Collins, Janet Hall, Drew Gavrilas, Jamie Peitree, Jay Gal, Jim Jacob, Leslie Martin, Sharon Owczarzak, Kim Minich, Lisa Maggio, Julie Davids, Danielle Heasley, Fourth row: Todd Raybuck, Tim Jackama, Troy Wilkey, Matt Seratore, Aaron Spots, Tom De Young, Brian Riley, Rich Schultz, Greg Nelson, Missy Grabowski. Third Row: Kelly Min, Lisa Van Aulen, Linda Ortiz, Troy Tomasko, Matt Veronesi, Mike Petric, Brian Hero, Chris Jeviyak. Second Row: Mr. Reymore, Darrin Hochstetler, Rob Lottin, Kevin Parsons, Sara Lusca, Ben LaBuda, Susan Cannon, Lynette Feila, Dana Feich, Cindy Nichols. First Row: Kelly Plogh, Lisa Holcomb, Cindy Waddle, Scott Farrell, Tammy Jovanich, Shelle Griffin, Kelly McCann, Laura Holcomb, Julie King.



Deca Officers—Back Row: Rich Shultz, Cindy Nichols. Front Row: Kelly Plogh, Shelle Griffin.



Seniors Shelle Griffin, Kevin Parsons, and Laurie Holcomb are one of the many active Deca members who sell goodies at the Deca Bake Sale. This is one of the successful ways this club earns money.

The thrill of victory. Members of DECA who placed at regionals pose with their trophies several of them also qualified for state and National Competitions held in Springtime.



Panthers are GREEAT is the slogan for the Homecoming Deca Float. Many seniors rode on the float cheering for a victory against the opposing team, the Calumet Warriors football team.



Senior Rob Lattin displays his regional and state DECA awards. With his third place finish in the state competition, he became the first GHS student to advance to the National competition.

Dancing to the G.H.S. beat several of the Pantherettes show their stuff before the Basketball game begins. The Pantherettes perform before the start of the game and also during half time.

HEY GET TOUGH! Junior Varsity Cheerleader sophomore, Deanne Tans motivates the crowd during a J.V. basketball games. The cheerleaders practice twice a week after school in order to perform well at the games.



Booster Club: Back Row: Donna Hochstetter, Ike Egger, Michelle Maglin, Stacey Mahns, Tricia Turner, Denise Mikulski, Carmen Lopez, Eric Heinrichs, Trisha Malanado, Renee Rodriguez, Stacey Brady, Margie Hyland, Paula Gilbert, Vicki Tharon, Angela Bolotta, Greg Sporn, John Loomis, Seventh Row: Kim Tilton, Chris Klemola, Anne Hoffman, Steve Frey, Dennis Glover, Rob Kirby, Jerry Menzer, Kim Compton, Jim Wilco, Keith Miller, Billy Stokes, Skip Hester, Christina Carter, Melissa Moore, Deanna McLaughlin, Kim Moriarty, Roseanne Dewes, Heidi Curtis, Sixth Row: Abby Apple, Amy Gonzalez, Kellen Hansen, Amy Schmidt, Julianne Rowe, Steve Hoken, Jeff Ritter, Brett Dines, Jeff Hamilton, Craig Gail, Jeff Sweeney, Roy Fines, Deanne Knezevich, Paula Christensen, Jenny Cobb, Lane Patrick, Miyana Balac, Bea Cazares, Michelle Moore, Fifth Row: Lisa Maggio, Kelly Zyla, Johanna Grandys, Sharon Owsaradz, Greg Buttridge, Mark Halverson, Julie Russell, Kim Bowron, Jamie Buckle, Nellie Marsh, Rusti Berealot, Tammy Childers, Sue Simon, Rich Latta, Pete Schlegel, Lenette Ratta, Stephanie Branson, Donna Seiberger, Mary Paucci, Fourth Row: Theresa Basile, Jay Mc Knight, Don Leslie, Denise Hochstetter, Deanne Tans, Mary Hoffman, Donya Crook, Debbie Parr, Cheryl Mitchell, Heather Meyer, Christine Polucci, Karen Beasley, Lea Dixon, Doretha De Boer, Sherry Moore, Julie Morgan, Kim DeBod, Nadia Opara, Third Row: Tammy Billegety, Judi Mc Knight, Stacey Bakker, Laura Garcia, Leanne Nichols, Julie Hedges, Andrienne Compton, Marilyn Marzawek, Tracy Zembrak, Dea Stepanovich, Lisa Waters, Laura Malin, Nicole Paquin, Julie Davids, Mary Jane Grubach, Irene Dyjak, Jennifer Kitz, Kendra Davis, Kire Volpe, Tiffany Giffree, Second Row: Debbie Webb, Lori Mitchell, Julia Ortiz, Leslie Martin, Kim Minch, Kim Mitchell, Cheryl O'Donnell, Dawn Wedowski, Polly Byrd, Debbie Cook, Beth Archer, Jenny Deia Vega, Kelly Melt, Tricia Roach, Karen Parsons, Michelle Grafty, First Row: Becky Hood, Shelley Niggle, Jennifer Schroeder, Rhonda Reed, Christine Tans, Eileen Hochstetter, Kelly Marcus, Charlott Kroatwyk, Sara Lutzcz, Kristine Stampyak



Pantherettes: Back Row—Laura Garcia, Jennifer Deia Vega, Kelly Melt, Stephanie Branson, Debbie Parr, Fourth Row: Leanne Nichols, Julie Hedges, Tricia Roach, Irene Dyjak, Kendra Davis, Mary Jane Grubach, Third Row: Lenette Ratta, Donya Crook, Donna Seiberger, Tiffany Giffree, Jennifer Kitz, Sue Simon, Cheryl Mitchell, Second Row: Sharon Owsaradz, Chady Waddle, Bea Cazares, Lane Patrick, Lisa Maggio, Cheryl O'Donnell, First Row: Cindy Nichols, Kire Volpe, Jennifer Atkinson, Lisa Woffen, Dawn Wedowski, Beth Archer, Michelle Moore

Changes pep surprise up the club cheerleaders

Music from the pep band fills the air, excitement is all around, arising from a corner of the gym fans can hear "Ziggity boom, rah rah Ziggity boom, rah rah Who rah, we rah Griffith High rah rah". Although to most people it sounds like a language from a foreign land, it is the oh so ever familiar school song that is often changed by the members of the Booster Club.

Becoming a booster member means taking on a strange title such as locker-buddie, hoopmaker, poster-maker, and raffle ticket seller.

Lockerbuddies are picked at the start of each new sport's season. When a person takes on the responsibility of having a lockerbuddie they must decorate that person's hall locker for all away games and their gym lockers for all home games. Many lockers were decorated with streamers, posters, and candy. "I enjoyed doing the locker. It entailed alot of money, but I would do it

again," said junior, Cheryl Mitchell.

Hoopmakers consists of two to three booster members who work on making the traditional hoop for each home game. The hoopmakers take the hoop out on to the football field, or the basketball court, for the team members to run through.

Postermaking sessions were held on every Thursday. Inspirational posters were hung through out the main lobby. At the home basketball games posters were hung on the Varsity gym walls.

At every home game, ticket sellers can be seen walking around yelling "50-50 raffle". Of all the money made, half went to the booster club funds and the other half went to the lucky ticket holder. The most successful raffle was during the football season.

Mrs. Martha Davis became the new Booster club sponsor. With the help of Mrs. Davis boys were allowed to

show their spirit and become members. Junior Sara Luszczy said, "I think its great to get the guys back in Booster Club!" The turn out of male members was low and many felt this was a hinderance to the club. "It was disappointing to find the turnout was so low," said Jenny Schroeder, junior.

Football season gave sport's fans their first glimpse of the Panther mascot. Introduced on Homecoming night and making many appearances during the home football and basketball games the Panther got the fans into the spirit of the game. Junion Pete Schlagel thought the mascot was a good idea. "I like it! It brings back alot of tradition."

If you're still left wondering why you should become a member maybe this will help make up your mind. "It's fun to cheer, it raises the spirit of the team, and most of all it gets the crowd enthusiastic," said junior, Jennifer Cobb.



Varsity Cheerleaders Back Row—Amy Schmidt, Anne Hoffman, Chris Kiehlma, First Row—Tammy Childers, Kame Reymore, Julianne Rowe



J.V. Cheerleaders Back Row—Deanne Tans, Julie Russell, Mary Hoffman, First Row—Denise Hochstetler, Michelle Graham

Sports News

Teams change as success is newsmaker


Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-state-oh, no-even State. Yes, GHS achieved all of these words this year. No, GHS has never been known as a big sports competition, but we have always put up a great fight from our heartbraking basketball sectional losses to our heart lifting football sectional wins. GHS has proven we can play with the best of them.

Cross Country runners, seniors Jim Mirda and Rob Kirby proved that hard work and dedication can really pay off in the end. The cross country team led by Mirda and Kirby went all the way to semi-state where they were defeated. Mirda and Kirby qualified for state. Rob Kirby made an impressive showing in the thirties. But, Jim Mirda beat the odds and put Griffith on the map by finishing third.

We've changed for the better and kept up with sporting changes also. We've added a girl's softball team, we have exceptional equipment and as far as for fan support—we can out cheer the best of them.

The majority of teams at GHS are small and just have enough players to fit the roster. These small numbers of players enable the teams to be very close and develop a family type of environment. According to senior golfer Chris Black, "One of the golf teams strongest points is that most of us like each other and play well together." According to senior track team member Cindy Bowman, "We were like one big family, which really helped alot." Sue Wiltfong track team member adds, "Although we didn't have a great record, spirit made up for the small number of members we had."

GHS has made the sporting news and hopefully we'll continue to do so.



Senior cross country runner Rob Kirby digs in and gives it his all. Rob qualified for state this season.



Bumping it in! Senior basketball player Bill Stokes keeps his eye on the ball and basket as he goes for the shot. Bill was consistently the high scorer for the team.



The winner and champion. The referee raises the hand of the winner, senior wrestler Nick Miklusak. Nick has been a successful wrestler for the team all during his career.



Breaking away from the pack. Senior cross country runner Jim Mirda breaks away from his competition. Jim qualified for state this year and finished in third place.



Poetry in motion. Senior Viola Reid hurries to first base in an attempt to make it there without getting thrown out.



Senior Lisa Mowery waits patiently for the pitch. She has to be ready in case the batter misses.

Senior Michelle Mihaick swings at the ball but misses as she is called for her second strike at bat.


	Opp	GS
E.C. Washington	0	19
Hobart	2	4
Gavitt	6	16
Munster	1	3
Highland	3	2
Crown Point	4	11
Lake Central	5	11
Chesterford	0	9
Columet	4	17
Lowell	6	22
Highland	4	1
Hammond Clark	2	1
Hammond Clark	0	5
Munster	3	4
Lake Central	7	5
Crown Point	4	7
Bishop Not	1	11
Columet	0	15
Lowell	3	12
Andean	6	13

Front Row—Tiffany Towelson, Michelle Foreman, Stephanie Branson, Viola Reid, Amy Gonzalez, Michelle Mihaick, Eileen Hochstetler, Second Row—Debbie Cook, Cheryl O'Donnell, Janean Wiley, Heidi Golden, Tammy Childers, Stephanie Vilalpando, Becky Sarban, Becky Hoof, Third Row—Jennifer Cuck—batter, Lisa Mowery, Michelle Johnston, Linda Gidycz, Kim Gifford, Julie Palmer, Mary Jane Gruback, Chris Austin, Fourth Row—Coach Jerry Gurado, asst. coach Julie Norton, manager Laura Hildebrand, Stacy Baker, Karen Imboden, Tammy Huzzie, Tammy Jovanovich, Beth Karp, manager Jennifer Harder



Successful first season for team


Girls finish second in L.S. Conference



Is it just beginner's luck or a start of a proud tradition? The first softball team in Panther history was a definite success. It finished with the most wins of any first year team in the state and was rated among the top three teams in the area.

"Griffith has had a strong summer program for years, so our players were pretty well schooled in fundamentals. I think all of us involved were surprised that we came together as a team so quickly," said coach Jerry Gurrado. In all, 92 girls came through conditioning, which made girls' softball one of the hardest teams to make in the school.

Junior Tiffany Toweson said, "Mr. Gurrado is definitely the hardest coach I've ever had, but he is also the best. Sometimes he has weird ways of getting things done, but they do get done, and done right. That's what I like because there's no messing around, it's just serious softball."



"We had no glaring weaknesses, but if we had any weaknesses at all, it could be that since it was the first year of our program, the players needed to get adjusted to a school sport versus a summer league situation and the commitment and discipline involved with a school sport," said Coach Gurrado.

The award winners were: Miss De-

fense, Miss Hustle, Miss Offense, Highest Batting Average, and Highest On Base Percentage, junior Tiffany Toweson; Most Improved, senior Michelle Mihalcik; Highest Fielding Percentage, senior Michelle Johnston; Leadership Award, senior Kim Gifford and senior Lisa Mowery; Best Attitude, senior Lisa Mowery; Ironman, Award, Runs Batted In, and co-Most Valuable Player Award, senior Viola Reid; and Pitching Award and co-Most Valuable player, senior Beth Karp.

"I think that all of us involved were surprised that we came together as a team so quickly,"
Coach Jerry Gurrado.

The All-Conference softball selections were: first team; senior Kim Gifford, senior Michelle Johnston, senior Viola Reid and junior Tiffany Toweson; second team choices were: junior

Tammy Jovanovich and senior Michelle Mihalcik. Honorable mention choices were senior Beth Karp and senior Lisa Mowery.

The team ended the regular season with a record of 16 wins and 4 losses. They had an overall record of 17 wins and 5 losses. Their Lake Suburban Conference record was 9 wins and 3 losses, placing them second in the conference. The team was rated in the top 3 in the area all during the regular season. They had the most wins of any first year team in the state and they were the highest rated first year team of area softball teams.

Senior Ken Konopasek sprints to first base with the hopes of beating the throw from the opposing team.



Back Row—coach Tim Foss, John Rogowski, Brian Roys, Rob Amdt, Troy Grady, Billy Stokes, Dan McCoy, head coach Jim Anderson
Middle Row—Jeff Bogner, Eric Schilling, Dave Amdt, Don Chidichimo, Dave Triska, Mike Col, manager Cheryl Mulliner
Front Row—Ken Konopasek, Pat Murdock, Gordon Braddy, Greg Burbridge, Brian Kretz, Brett Dines, Earl Brammer

Opp

GHS

T.F. North	5	5
Lake Station	3	5
Gary West	10	15
Gry West	9	7
Gary Roosevelt	7	8
Hanover Central	2	6
E.C. Roosevelt	1, 15	0, 9
Munster	1	0
Highland	10	3
Chesterton	4, 7	2, 6
Lake Central	5	2
Crown Point	5	1
Hobart	10	0
Clark	0, 1	3, 4
Columet	4	14
Lowell	3	2
Highland	3	2
Munster	2	1
River Forest	3	8
Lake Central	2	1
Crown Point	11	1
Columet	4	3
Lowell	1	6
Morton	5, 3	4, 5
Whiting	2	3
Benip Not	9	3



Senior Eric Schilling rounds the bases quickly in an attempt to make it to home without being thrown out.

Burb's eye view. Junior Greg Burbridge eyes the batter as he gets ready to fire his pitch, hoping to strike him out.



Team's attitude helps effort

Junior Bill Stokes practices batting as he waits for his turn to step up to the plate and take his swings.

Team plays tough to end of season

A disappointing record can sometimes be deceiving. This was true of the boys' varsity baseball team. The team's overall season record was 9-17-1 and 2-10 in Lake Suburban Conference games. Though this record isn't the best, head coach Jim Anderson points out, "We were 2-9 in one-run ball games, so we were playing a lot of hard-fought, close ball games.

The team played tough all the way to the end during sectionals where they lost 2 to 1 to Highland. Junior Brett Dines commented, "Even though we didn't win a lot of games, I still felt we were very competitive, because when we did lose, it wasn't by much. Then at the end of the season we played very well in the sectional and almost upset Highland."

Junior Greg Burbridge attributes some of the team's unity and spirit to the co-captains. "I felt we worked as a team and everyone had a good attitude throughout the season," Greg said. "We had good hitting and fielding and we also had good leadership from our co-captains, senior Ken Konopasek and senior Eric Schilling. We did have inexperienced pitching though, since we lost four senior pitchers from the year before."

The season award winners were: Most Valuable Player, senior Ken Konopasek; Craig Lee Memorial Award

(for best mental attitude), senior Eric Schilling; Most Improved Player, senior Jeff Bogner; Top Offensive Player, senior Ken Konopasek; Top Defensive Player, senior Ken Konopasek; and Top Pitcher, senior Dave Troksa. Second baseman, senior Ken Konopasek and outfielder Eric Schilling made the All Lake Suburban Conference first team.

According to Coach Anderson, "The strong points would have to include a fine attitude, good team spirit, and a competitive approach to all the games. Our last game of the year was a 2-1 loss to Highland in the East Chicago Sectional Tourney and the potential tying run was thrown out at home for the last out of the game. Thus,

"The strong points would have to include a fine attitude, good team spirit, and a competitive approach to all the games."
Coach Anderson

the team played tough all the way to the end, even though our record was not very good." Junior Billy Stokes adds, "The season was kind of a disappointment because we could never really put everything together during the season. Our last game of the season against Highland was a tough loss."

Coach Anderson feels, "there is an uncertain outlook as we have several starting position players returning from last year, but our top four pitchers from last year all graduated. Therefore we will have to rebuild our pitching staff and our success will depend on how well this staff develops, and how well the new team develops."

Spirit pulls team together

Season has many ups and downs

Being a part of a team sport like track requires togetherness and team unity. Without these qualities, it would not have been possible for the girls' track team to pull together Junior Cindy Bowman feels. "We were like one big family which really helped a lot. I'm happy with the way the season turned out. We stuck together and worked hard."

The season ended with an overall record of 5 wins and 11 losses. Coach Lee Bolthorst said of the season, "As a team, it was a little disappointing, but a big plus was in the fact that many individuals really came of age. There were four meets that were lost by three or less points. We experienced more of a roller coaster ride than any other past year. A total of eight new records were established—three indoor and five outdoor."

Junior Sue Wiltfong said, "I feel that considering the size of our team and the strength of our competitors, we were successful in reaching the goals we had set for ourselves before the season began. Although we didn't have a great record, our spirit made up for the small number of members and the lack of experience we were faced with." Junior Laura Waldron feels some problems could have been solved if more girls had gone out for track. "There are several people on the team

who do very well in their events. It's a shame that there couldn't be more people to try out for the track team to make our weakness, the lack of girls in events, extinct," Laura said. "I was happy with what I achieved personally, but as a team there weren't the numbers to pull out as many victories as the team had hoped to have."

The season award winners were: Best Distance, senior Lynn Sweeney; Best Field Event, junior Laura Waldron; Shot Put, Best Sprinter, junior Elaine Peters; Best Freshman, Dori Hobbs; Most Improved Runner, junior Cindy Bowman. Best Mental Attitude, junior Elaine Peters; and Most Valuable Runner, junior Sue Wiltfong. The captains for

the 1987 track season will be junior Elaine Peters and junior Sue Wiltfong.

According to Coach Bolthorst, the outlook for next season is, "Extremely promising and should come into our own. We will have eleven varsity letter winners returning, including award winners juniors Sue Wiltfong, Laura Waldron, Elaine Peters and freshman Dori Hobbs. There will also be a number of young ladies returning who gained first year experience, which will pay off next season for them and their team. This point may lead us to a successful season."

"It's a shame there couldn't be more people to try out for the track team to make our weaknesses extinct."— junior Laura Waldron.





Over the top! Junior Mary Palucki gives it her all as she attempts to clear the hurdle without knocking it down.



Breaking Away. Juniors Sandy Rutz and Cindy Bowman break away from their opponents as they try to accumulate more points for their team.



Fourth Row—coach Jenny Van Sike, Rhonda Reid, Dorl Hobbs, Laura Wadon, Shelley Riggle, Elaine Peters, Lynn Swalesley, Anne Hoffman, Mary Hoffman, Sonya Shawley, manager Kris Goncharowski, Head Coach Lee Bolhorst
Third Row—manager Charlotte Krasewski, Polly Byrd, Dawn Fanner, Denise Guevara, Cindy Bowman, Julie Ortiz, Kim Markaty
Second Row—Heather Grabowski, Beth Carpenter, Tricia Grandys, Jenny Delo Vega, Christine Tans, Debbie Cook, Mary Palucki, Karen Beasley
First Row—Sue Whitting, Pam Pouton, Kim Campanik, Jill Masia, Jenny Casspenter, Christine Palucki, Debbie Yates, Vicki Mann, Sandy Rutz

Opp.	GS
Andreon, Gavitt	48.35
Clark, E.C. Washington	62.28
Highland, Morton	46.28
Munster, T.F. South	36.20
E.C. Washington, River Forest	65.13
Crown Point	55
Munster	70
Lake Central, Highland	59.36
Columet, Portage	57.50

Senior Debbie Yates, concentrates as she counts her strides before jumping over the hurdle successfully.

Individuals carry team

Inexperience hurts runners' efforts

Having a no win season may discourage some teams but not the boys' track team. After a winless season as a team, their individual efforts and successes made all the time, hard work, and effort pay off. According to junior Darrell Seitz, "Overall the team's season went rather poorly. Inexperience hurt us badly. Individual efforts were excellent and proved that we have fine track runners. But the individual efforts couldn't pull the team through the season."

According to head coach Bill Platt, "The turnout for track increased over last year but the team was carried by a few talented juniors and seniors. Improvement was made in that the team was not last in any Relays or Conference meets."

According to junior Jim Mirda, "The season didn't go extremely well, we didn't win any duel meets, and we didn't place well in any invites. This was due to the fact that we didn't have a lot of guys out for track. Individually, everyone gave it their best effort, so no one can complain about that." Junior Jerry Menser adds, "All of the distance runners gave everything they had and scored points for us. The sprinters gave their best effort but couldn't score points because they were outnumbered by the sprinters of the other schools."

According to Coach Platt, the team's strong points were, "the distance runners, hurdlers, and sprinter senior Greg Irvin were the mainstays of the team. Greg Irvin set a school record in the 100 meter high hurdles and advanced to the regional. Junior Jim Mirda won the 2100 meter run in the regional. Senior Joe Lopez and junior Jerry Menser also participated in the regional."

The season award winners were: Outstanding Sprinter senior Greg Irvin and Outstanding Distance Runner junior Jim Mirda.

"The turnout for track increased over last year but the team was carried by a few talented juniors and seniors."—Coach Bill Platt

According to Coach Platt, the outlook for next season lies solely in junior Jim Mirda.





Sophomore Ray Fines Concentrates as he tries his best to jump the farthest in the long jump.

Senior Greg Irvin charges forward in an attempt to cross the finish line first and be the winner.



Back Row—Jim Graft, Scott Mandemack, Chris Warren, Gary Fredrickson, Greg Irvin, Darrell Sert, Joe Lopez, Jim Minda, Tom Wright

Middle Row—Jerry Menner, Marilyn Thomas, D.J. Dudek, Paul Barone, Ray Fines, Darryl Mikulski, Chris Kunch, Rob Kirby
Front Row—Mark Dela Vega, Vince Gerber, Dan Kneeman, Jim Schurke, Dave Nichols, Kevin Lee, John Yonan

Opponent

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Crown Point	80	38
Lake Central	70	30
Highland	48	30
Vaporasia	81	36
North Newton	31	36

Coach Bill Platt and senior Greg Irvin check through the first aid kit before the meet against Calumet.

When the going got tough . . .

Girls buckle down and pull through

The girl's tennis team proved that having team spirit and a hunger to win can do wonders. The girls got off to a rough start but finished strong. As head coach Gary Dixon puts it, "The beginning of the season was like trying to swim up a water fall. We faced every strong team in the area. We were losing, but some of the matches were very close. I'm proud of the way the team held together and in the last half we did very well."

The girls finished the season with a 4-11 record and came in second in sectionals. Junior Julianne Rowe commented, "The last Season didn't go as well as I had expected. I think the main reason was that we had a new coach. His style and techniques were new to us and so were all of us to him. He didn't know how well each of us played, so we some confusion about positions. Once we were finally set, I think we did quite well."

"I was happy with the way the season went for me, because I achieved the goals I set out to achieve, but as a team we struggled and I would have liked to have done better as a team," said junior Jennifer Benkovich. "We really didn't have any prevalent strong points. Our downfall was the lack of practicing players did in the off season." Junior Nadina Oprea said about the season, "I felt that everyone tried to play their best to win every match

and also to improve their skills as the season progressed. We were very close as a team, and many times we were able to pull a 3-2 win because we helped each other out through team spirit and motivation."

The season award winners were: most valuable player Jennifer Benkovich and Best Mental attitude: Julianne Rowe. Jennifer Benkovich was also named to the first team Lake Suburban Conference.

"When we got on the courts we were determined to win and during the match we never quit."—Julianne Rowe

According to junior Julianne Rowe, "One of our strongest points was our #1 singles player, Jennifer. She pulled through for our team with an almost unbeaten season. One other strong point we had was the team itself. When we got on the courts we were determined to win and during the match we never quit. We went to three sets often, and if we lost, we kept our attitude strong and tried harder to win the next match."

According to junior Jennifer Benkovich, "I think next season can be a very prosperous one, if the players practice in the off season and take their tennis a bit more seriously. We have a lot of potential, we just need to work harder to reach this potential."

According to Coach Dixon, "With 4 lettermen returning and some good J.V. players, we should improve on last season."





Working together in returning the ball, first doubles team, freshman Toni Morrison and junior Julianne Rowe, made their season successful.

Following through on the ball is a very crucial part of playing tennis. Senior Barb Maglish displays this while warming up before the match.



Back Row—Head coach Gary Dixon, Jennifer Berkovich, Lisa Blackwell, Heather Meyer, Barb Maglish, Julie Russell, Debbie Liegeir, Nadia Oprea.

Middle Row—Chris Kleimola, Christine Tani, Marilyn Maniak, Danya Crook, Miriana Balaz.

Front Row—Chris Bowron, Theresa Joseph, Julianne Rowe, Lou Ann Spitz, Toni Morrison, Michelle Graham.

Opp Girls

Hobart	W	L
Mentville	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
Munster	W	L
Columel	W	L
Chesterlton	W	L
Crown Point	W	L
Highland	W	L
Anderson	W	L
Lake Central	L	W
Lake Station	L	W
Clark	L	W
Hammond High	L	W
Portage	W	L

Senior Lou Ann Spitz takes a spare moment from her match to think about the game. Many of the girls did this to help them relax and to rest.



Go for the goal. Senior Jude Popyk does some fancy footwork as he moves across the field to score.

Sophomore Troy Demps tries to outwit his opponent by blocking them out of his way so he can get the ball.

Sophomore Rich Phillips gives it his all as he kicks the ball out of the reach of the opponent.




Using his head, sophomore Ronnie Knestrict volleys the ball as it comes to him so he can help score more points.

Get That Ball! Junior Ray Jajowka is prepared to fight his Munster opponent until the bitter end.




Needs more work on group skills

Second season leaves room for improvement



Soccer is a team sport, but the individuals held the attention on the soccer team this year. According to head coach, Ron Knestrict, "Our strong points were in our individual skills, our ability to control the ball individually. We seemed capable of scoring, but had difficulty in the transition from offense to defense."



The team ended the season with a record of 5 wins and 7 losses. According to Coach Knestrict, "Our record improved slightly from the year before, but not as much as I expected. When we controlled the tempo of the game, we did well, but when we had to adjust to the other team's tempo, we had problems in communications." Sophomore Steve Allison added, "Overall I feel the season was great. We still need a lot of work on certain skills and plays, but for our second year of playing high school soccer, I feel we did very well."

The season award winners were: Most Improved, sophomore Joe Buchko; Best Defensive Player, senior Graham Funk; Most Assists, senior Bob Phillips; Most Goals, sophomore Rich Phillips; and Most Valuable Player, senior Bob Phillips.

According to sophomore Steve Allison, "I'm looking forward to this year's season. Our team, overall, should be greatly improved and more experienced since last year." Coach Knestrict added, "With us going into our

third season, I am looking for our returning players, especially the seniors and juniors to take over and provide our team with the drive, leadership, and enthusiasm we need. Our returning lettermen combined with our junior varsity players should provide us with the quality and quantity we need to produce a winning season. I hope this is the year we play up to our potential."

Joe Buchko, sophomore, feels that

"The team had strong senior leadership, which really helped the new team members to fit in. It brought us together like a family."—Joe Buchko

personal goals were important to the team. "I feel the team accomplished its goal for the season, development of the underclassmen, I also feel it was a successful season because most people achieved their own personal goals," Joe said. "The team had strong senior leadership, which really helped the new team members to fit in. It brought us together like a family." Joe adds, "Our weak point was that the returning players didn't know the new team members' capabilities. Sometimes we would get frustrated by this, but the seniors and the coaches smoothed it out."

Sophomore Steve Allison feels an up-note to the next season will be the addition to the team of Mathias Samuelson. "The addition of Samuelson, the Swedish exchange student, should help our offense and defense work better."

Self confidence leads team

Golfers have fun and a good season

Certain sports never get the recognition they deserve. The golf team frequently falls into the "Unknown Sport" category.

Though the golfers are rarely in the limelight and rarely receive recognition, it didn't stop the golf team from playing well. They had an impressive season which included an overall season record of 13 wins and 6 losses, a fourth place at the Lake Hills invitational, a fourth place in Conference, a second place in sectionals and a ninth place in regionals.

Junior Rick Dzurovck said, "We were always looking forward to every match. We felt we could have beaten every team in our schedule." Junior Rick Dzurovck said, "We were always looking forward to every match. We felt, or at least I did, that we could have beaten every team in our schedule with no problem. We did play extremely well at Scherwood, which gave us most of our wins." Junior Todd Zaicow adds, "We played well at our home course, Scherwood, but not too good on away courses. Our number one, two, and three golfers played good all year."

The team ended the season with an overall record of 13 wins and 6 losses. The Lake Suburban Conference record was 7 wins and 4 losses, placing them fourth in the conference. They were second in sectionals and placed ninth in regionals. They received a fourth place out of eighteen teams at the Lake Hills Invitational. According to ju-

nior Rick Dzurovck, "I feel we could have done a lot better than we did. We could never get four good scores when it really mattered, like the Lake Central matches. I think we also could have done a little better at Regionals. I feel the team as a whole could have put a lot more time and effort into practice." Junior Todd Zaicow adds, "I thought we started out slow but ended up playing well. We had trouble putting together four good scores until the end

"We were always looking forward to every match. We felt we could have beaten every team in our schedule."
Junior Rick Dzurovck.

of the season. I thought that we could have done better in the Lake Suburban conference standings and that we performed very well in sectionals."

According to junior Chris Black, "One of our strongest points is that most of us liked each other and played well together. This is very important because you have more fun, and if you have more fun, you tend to play better. One of our weaknesses was our inability to control our tempers. Golf is a very frustrating game and all of us at some time or another let our tempers get in the way of concentrating on golf."

Next season's golf team will consist of returning players: season medalist and letter winner, Rick Dzurovck, letter winner Todd Zaicow, and letter winner Craig Gall.

Rick Dzurovck says, "I feel next season will be a far better one."

Fore! Sophomore Craig Gall swings with all his might as he tees off in a meet at Scherwood Golf Course.





Senior Mark Anderson steadies his nerves and concentrates hard to get ahead of the other team during the match.

Junior Chris Black keeps his eye on the ball as he attempts to drive it as close to the hole as he can.



Back Row—Mike Anderson, Troy Toweson, Chris Black, Mike Letts, Joe Nichols, Tom Zapinski, John O'Connell, Coach Charles Ricks. Front Row—Jeff Smith, Mark Anderson, Craig Gall, Todd Zalcow, Rick Dzurovack.

	Opp	GHS
Gary Roosevelt	236	166
Bishop Not	180	176
Lowell	191,170	168,160
Highland	172,172	173,162
Columet	211,181	175,157
Portage	170	175
Crown Point	194,191	189,187
Lake Central	160,159	179,165
Munster	154,159	171,190
Morton	188	176
Anderson	172	165
Lake Station	215	163
Wheeler		
Fortier		

Senior Mark Anderson tries to sink his putt as fellow team members, senior Jeff Smith and junior Chris Black, look on.

Good Things —Small Packages Working Together Brings Success

The will to win carried the football players through the season. Without many seniors and not a lot of experience the Panthers were still able to achieve a formidable record. According to head varsity coach Les Thornton, "the season went well considering that we were a small, inexperienced team." Senior player, Jeff Ritter adds, "I think the season went pretty well. It was not as successful as I would of wished. But, we didn't do all that bad. We played a lot of young guys and that played a big part. Sophomores are not seniors and don't play like seniors. But they played well and in a few years they will be very good."

"I think the season went pretty well. It was not as successful as I would of wished, but, we didn't do all that bad."

—senior Brian Roye

The team ended the season with a record of 5 wins and 6 losses. According to Coach Thornton, "The strong points were the attitude and desire of the team. We had a strong kicking game. Pat Murdock was an outstanding offensive player. Several sophomores played and showed real promise." "Senior Brian Roye adds, "I personally feel the season was a success. In the conference we are involved with, the teams are domitory in numbers and size, but we played with a lot of heart and always beat the teams we are supposed to beat and once in awhile catch a big school like Lake Central off guard."

The season award winners were Best Mental attitude senior Brian Roye, Most tackles senior Brett Dines, Defensive star junior Dave Arndt, Offensive star junior Pat Murdock, Specialty star, senior Mathias Samuelson, Most improved defense, senior Brett Dines, Most improved offensive senior Mark Halverson, Outstanding lineman senior Steve Holen, Outstanding offensive back junior Pat Murdock, Outstanding defensive

end senior Nick Micklusak, outstanding linebacker senior Jeff Ritter, Outstanding defensive lineman junior Ken Herd, Outstanding defensive back senior Greg Burbridge and the most valuable player junior Pat Murdock.

According to senior Brian Roye, "I feel one of our strong points was the game at Lake Central. I feel we played very well and I think we finally realized we could play as a team. Also, the last few games went really well. We came along a lot. We learned a lot and played very well. I also feel our defense was very good and got better as the season went on. I feel it kept us in a few close games."

According to Coach Les Thornton, "The outlook for next season is good. We have eight sophomore letterman back and other sophomores who should help as juniors. We should get some help from next year's sophomores.





Eat dirt dirt ball! Sophomore Phil Katona sneers at his opponent until teammate, senior Jeff Ritter can join him. Together they tackle him.

Whose hand is that? Junior Pat Murdock looks up at the referee hoping his team has possession of the ball.



Back row—Coach Kamara, Coach Dick Reyome, Head coach Les Thornton, Coach Jim Anderson, Coach Kiekley. 5th row—Jeff Gifford, Jeff Swensen, Phil Katona, Steve Hansen, Ray Kobum, Brian Raye, Brian Philips. 4th row—Mathias Samuelson, Terry Thompson, Jeff Hamilton, Nick Mickuska, Derrick Tucker, Scott Hayes, Doug Keen, John Jordan. 3rd row—manager Kelly Holcomb, Todd Raybuck, Rick Benjamin, Earl Schreiber, Dave Amdt, Tom Groevich, Mike Anderson, manager Jay Jones. 2nd row—manager Amy Gonzales, Mark Halverson, Brett Zink, Joe Bucher, Goffo Gucci, Jeff Ritter, Mike Kelderman, Greg Stevens, manager Rene Rodriguez. front row—manager Kalleen Hansen, Ken Herd, Brett Zobel, Joe Peters, Greg Burbridge, Pat Murdock, Brad Steadpleton, Troy Towleson, manager Jamie Budack.

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Warning Slippery When Wet! Greg Burbridge, senior tries to break his fall as Mark Halverson senior runs to help.

Team Tackles Bigger Teams

New ideas help team to change

New coach, new players and a new season—many difficult things for a coach and his players to handle. But, the junior varsity proved they could buckle down and face the challenge of being a new playing force.

According to new head junior varsity coach Komara, "J.V. was difficult—we could have done better. Our lack of members was a major weakness. Any

good players we had—got moved up to varsity. Our team was much smaller compared to other schools teams. One of the good things was that the team got more experienced. The thing that kept us from winning was definitely our lack of numbers."

The team ended the season with a record of five wins and five losses. They played tough games against Lowell losing by a score of 6 to 8 and another tough loss to Munster by the score of 6 to 13.

According to sophomore player Ken Moore, "The high point of the season was in the O'rama. We were playing Valpo and we took the ball at our 20 and controlled it most of the quarter. We did it mostly with runs and short passes. We scored and then held their offense and got the ball back. The low point of the season was when we lost to Horace Mann. We couldn't stop them."—sophomore Ken Moore.

According to sophomore, junior, varsity player Brett Zabek, "I think the season went pretty average. About as average as you can get (5-5). Our major strong points we had were our speed in the backfield our kicking game and our spirit. Our weaknesses involved lack of physical strength size, experience and numbers. But, I do feel that this coming season will be a tremendous improvement."

"Our team was much smaller compared to other schools' teams. One of the good things was that the team got more experienced."

—Coach Komara—

The junior varsity may have been small in numbers but they made up for the numbers in the courage and dedication they put forth every game and practice.

According to sophomore Ken Moore, "We worked very hard, even if

we didn't win a lot of games we still put forth a great effort and played our best every game and even every practice."

Some may say the junior varsity is not as important as the varsity teams but without the junior varsity teams there would be no varsity. There wouldn't be anyone to take the place of the graduating players or anyone to fill in for the injured varsity players. J.V. takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Work—that little bit harder because they have to.

No, there isn't alot of gratification being on the junior varsity teams. Most of the players play simply because they love the game.





Get out of my way! Junior Dave Arndt charges across the field in an attempt to gain yardage.

Going all the way! Senior Mark Halverson runs down the field unchallenged. Mark went on to score the Panthers a touchdown.



Back row—Coach Kekley, Jeff Sweeney, Ray Kolbun, Dave Poque, Mike Wasto, Mike Kelderman 4th row—Randy Smith, Earl Schreiber, Doug Keen, John Jordan, John Yanan, Brett Zabek, 3rd row—manager Amy Gonzales, Ken Moore, Drew Gantlos, Gocho Cucut, Greg Steadleton, Mike Darell, manager Jay Tones 2nd row—manager Kelly Kascaba, Joe Peters, Rick Benjamin, Joe Buchio, Joe Powers, John Mowley, Mike Anderson, manager Rene Rodriguez 1st row—manager Keleen Hansen, Brian Phillips, Brian Waddle, Brad Steadleton, Jason Gilbert, Troy Towelson, manager Jamie Budacki

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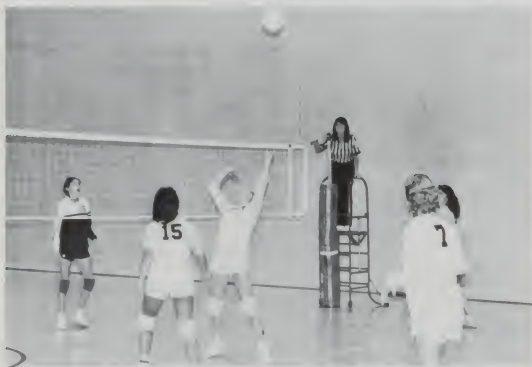
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Good Game Fellas! The Calumet Warriors left with grim looks on their faces as they lost the game. This made for an exciting Homecoming.

Sophomore Angie Covarrubias sets up the volleyball as fellow team member Linda Gabrys watches on.

Junior Linda Gabrys tries to keep her balance as she tries to get control of the ball and hit it over the net.



Back row—Laura Covarrubias, Tammy Jovanovich, Karen Imboden, Linda Gabrys, Rachel Palmer, Head coach Don Whittemore
Middle Row—Sue Wilfong, Debbie Cook, Michelle Castillo, Stefanie Villalpando, Angela Covarrubias
Front Row—Amy Bohney, Janet Lukas

	GHS	OPP
Andrean	9,13	15,15
Clark	4,4	15,15
River Forest	15,15	8,14
Hobart	15,15	11,1
Whiting	15,15	7,1
Lake Station	13,15,15	15,9,3
Shrop Not	12,15,17	15,13,15
Chesterion	15,15	3,14
Govt	15,15	9,10
Mentville	4,15,8	15,13,15
Munster	15,13,9	7,15,15
Andrean	15,15	5,3
Vaporato	15,15	14,11
Plymouth	11,10	15,15
West Side	15,15	1,7
Highland	15,15	11,11
Crown Point	15,15	1,8
Lake Central	11,15,15	15,11,11
Lowell	15,15	13,10

Junior Tammy Jovanovich keeps her concentration as she gets ready to spike the ball over the net.



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the Legend

Season ends up a pleasant surprise

A 23 and 6 record is a hard act to follow, but the girls' volleyball team seemed to have no trouble in pulling off another excellent season.

Head Coach Don Whittmore was a bit skeptical about the girls' performance. "At the beginning of the season I didn't really know what to expect," Coach Whittmore said. "We were coming off a sectional championship but we lost seven players to graduation. I was hoping we could break even."

Not only was the team's overall season record 18 wins and 7 losses, but the girls were also conference co-champions. "Going 18 and 7 and being conference co-champions was a very pleasant surprise," Coach Whittmore said. "The team showed their desire by defeating fifteenth ranked Highland and sixteenth ranked Crown Point in the same week. I was very pleased and proud."

Senior Linda Gabrys said, "I think we had a great season. We were conference co-champs and we came in second at our Invationals. Our record was just as good as last year's and we were all pleased with the season. As a team we all got along and were like a family. We were all really close. I think that's what made us play so well. I think sometimes our attitudes brought us down. Sometimes we got down on others when they made mistakes and we

shouldn't have. Other than that, we had a strong, well-balanced team and season."

Senior Tammy Jovanovich was also pleased with the season. "I think the season went pretty good," Tammy said. "We all had some rough times but we managed to get through with a winning season. We weren't as experienced as we were last year. But we managed to get by."

Junior Angie Covarrubias said, "The beginning of the season was a little shaky. Some of the players wouldn't get along sometimes and didn't help each other out during games which caused stress. Also, we didn't have any confidence in our team because we thought we lost all of our talent this year. But, obviously we didn't!"

The season award winners were: Best Server, Senior Karen Imboden; Best Passer, Junior Angie Covarrubias; Best Spiker, Senior Tammy Jovanovich; Best Setter, Senior Linda Gabrys; Best Mental Attitude, Senior Rachel Palmer; Most Improved Player, Senior Sue Wittfong; Most Valuable Players, Seniors Linda Gabrys and Tammy Jovanovich.

The First Team All Conference selection was Senior Tammy Jovanovich. Senior Linda Gabrys was selected as the Second Team All Conference choice. Both Linda Gabrys and Tammy Jovanovich were chosen for the All Sectional Team.

"As a team we all got along and were like a family. We were all really close. I think that's what made us play so well."—Senior Linda Gabrys

Team starts out strong

Boys place sixth in Semi-State

Has GHS ever had a team with a perfect season record? If not, the boys' cross country team sure got close.

The team ended the season with a record of nine wins and two losses. Even with this record, though, senior Chris Kunch feels there was still room for improvement. "I was happy with the team's season," Chris said. "Of course we would have liked to have gone to state—and we had a good chance at it, but a few runners started coming on strong toward the end of the season instead of being consistent throughout the season, and when it came down to a big race, they didn't run as well as they could have had they been more consistent instead of once in awhile doing real well."

The team did very well at their invitations. They placed fifth out of 30 teams at the Rebel Invitational, third out of 18 at the Highland Invitational, fourth out of 22 at the Hobart Invitational, and won first place at the Gavitt Invitational. The boys came in second in the Lake Suburban Conference, second in Regionals, third in Sectionals, and sixth in Semi-State.

"Team-wise our strong points were winning the Gavitt Invitational for the fourth straight year and being runner-

ups in the Conference Meet and Regionals," senior Rob Kirby said. "Before the season started we all had a goal of making it to state," Rob adds. "We won our first meet without Jim Mirda easily, but as the season went on, some of our runners were not healthy and we did not have a strong fifth man."

Individuals' efforts worked out well this season for the team, also. Rob Kirby came in 39th in state. "Individually I had a good season, but I feel I could have gone harder at the state meet. I wish I could come back again next year."

"Individually, almost everyone met or surpassed the goals they set for themselves. The season was great for everyone."

—Jim Mirda

Senior Jim Mirda, who placed third in state, said, "Individually, almost everyone met or surpassed the goals they set for themselves. The season was great for everyone, and we were all happy with the way it turned out. The team returning lettermen proved to be a strong point in experience. Having a good number of kids come out for the team this year helped out a lot. Our weakness was the inexperience some of the younger kids had in running Cross Country."

The season award winners were: Most Valuable Runner, senior Jim Mirda; Best Mental Attitude, senior Jim Mirda; Most Improved, senior Rob Kirby; Outstanding Individual Race, senior Chris Kunch; Most Improved Freshman-Sophomore, sophomore Ron Knestrict.



Making a strong endeavor to reach the finish line, senior Jerry Menser strives to keep up with his opponents to win the final race.

Lone Runner. Sophomore Mark Dela Vega maintains his pace as he breaks away from the pack and runs alone.



Back Row—Coach Ron Divjak, Chris Kunch, Mike Letts, Tom Wright, Jim Mirza, Rob Kirby, Ron Knescht, Jerry Menser. Front Row—Brian Mount, Paul Barrese, Keith Miller, Dan Kriesman, Rich Phillips, Chris Decker, Mark Dela Vega

Senior Jim Mirza, who placed third in state, eagerly tries to leave behind his opponents and catch up to the others.

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Lake Central	41
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West Side	
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Young team comes out for season

Senior leadership helps team mature

With good depth and fresh talent the boys' tennis team got off to a good start and improved as the season progressed. Coach Gary Dixon said, "We've had strong J.V. teams the last few years with little turnover at the top, so when we've had to replace people, we've had guys ready to take their place."

The boys ended the season with a 7 and 5 overall record and did well at their invitationals. "This season was predictable for the most part," Coach Dixon said. "There were a number of unpredictable things that happened to us, both good and bad, but that's typical. The high points of our season were the two invitationals. At Highland we had our first ever winners in Scott Queen and Andy Huss and finished fifth in a very strong field and at Lake Station we beat strong Andreon and Chesterton to win our first invitational I know of."

Sophomore Andy Huss said of the season, "I think we were strong in our invitationals. We won the Lake Station invitational for the first time and we also won the second doubles position in the Highland Invitational. We did well outside of our conference but we had a strong conference this season and we only won one out of six in conference games. Our discipline left something to be desired," Andy concludes, "but we

had fun." Senior Eric Fratter adds, "Considering we had a bunch of guys that weren't too serious and just screwed around, it's a miracle we finished 7 and 5. We had a lot of problems with discipline, but thanks to the seniors' leadership, we survived. Our seniors probably kept the team together and the team going through practices and a lot of bad situations. Our doubles teams were very strong and Andy Huss'

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—Lance Russell

and Jason Beloshapka's play at number one and number two singles helped us win a lot of close matches."

Senior Lance Russell also feels the senior leadership helped. "We wouldn't have been as successful without strong leadership from Mr. Dixon and a couple of seniors," Lance said. "With our youth and inexperience, it was important to have this leadership so that the team members could gain confidence in their ability. We had several people who were playing varsity for the first time. We struggled a little at the beginning, but people gradually began to accept a lesser role for the benefit of the team."

The season award winners were: Most Valuable Player, senior Eric Fratter; Best Mental Attitude, Sophomores Andy Huss and Jason Beloshapka; and Most Victories, sophomore Andy Huss and junior Scott Queen.





Give me a hand! Junior Steve Allison skillfully executes his backhand stroke during a heated match.



Left to right: Coach Gary Dixon, John Gearhart, Mark Wiley, Kevin Lee, Jason Belashapka, Dan Lovin, Andy Huss, Kurt Anderson, Eric Prottier, Lance Russell

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Freshman Brian Wye uses his quick reflexes to keep returning the ball with ease. Quick thinking is important to be a good tennis player.

Sophomore Mark Wiley uses his control and skill as he returns the ball to his awaiting opponent.

G irls stick it out together

Small team has its ups and downs

The 1986-87 girls' swim team may not have been the best around, but they sure gave it their all.

The team's biggest disadvantage this year was the small number of girls that came out for the team.

"It really bothered me that only a few girls went out for the team this year. The girls that did go out really tried hard. The problem was just that we needed more team members than the ones that came out," said Co-Captain senior Joanna Simon.

The team started practicing before school started during summer. From there, they practiced everyday after school, swimming anywhere from five to seven miles a day. Practices seemed endless, but there was still time for laughs. The team kept its spirit high throughout the whole season. Not even the fact that the team was defeated many times dampened the spirit of these determined girls. Sophomore Cindy Campbell said, "I guess all in all our season turned out rather well. We had a lot of tough breaks throughout the season, but we always hung in there, even if we knew that we were going to get badly beaten."

"The season went pretty well although we had our ups and downs. We had a lot of people that didn't show up at the meets because a lot of girls got sick

with the flu during the season," said sophomore Paula Irvin.

Although it wasn't their best season, the girls did have their strong points. "Our strong points were in the 200 IM, and 100 yd. butterfly with Polly Byrd and Anne Degani really bringing in the points. We also had a strong 100 yd. backstroke thanks to Heather Grabowski and Joanna Simon. And you can't forget Amy Pement in the breaststroke or our first relay," said sophomore Cindy Campbell.

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—Joanna Simon

Senior Joanna Simon said, "It was great to see everybody cheering each other on at all the meets. We helped each other out and sort of kept each other going during the rough times."

This year the girls sponsored a Swim-a-thon in hopes of getting enough donations for new timers. The girls jumped in the pool early one Saturday morning and swam non-stop for as long as they could with only a few restroom breaks.

The girls also sold candy bars and other various types of candy. Hopefully, with new timers, more of the bigger, more important meets will be able to be held at Griffith pool. The team has been working towards new timers for a couple of years now and plan on having a more successful season next year with hopefully more girls coming out for the team than this season.



Junior Shelly Marshall tries to swim ahead of her opponents in an attempt to win her individual race.

Senior Cindy Bowman takes a quick breath as she nears the end. Swimming helps to tone the body's muscles.



While gasping for a breath, sophomore Polly Byrd questions a fellow team mate about her recent performance.

Making a splash, Sophomore Polly Byrd makes her best effort to pull ahead of the others as she swims toward the finish line.

Wrestlers set many records

Wrestlemania. Junior Paul Doctor tries to get a headlock on his Lake Central opponent to score points.

New coach helps team to progress

The wrestling team had a season that one could call "record breaking". With a 9-11 overall record, the team set three records and individually, four records were set.

Head coach Bob Komara said, "We started with five returning lettermen not coming out. We had five freshmen letter this year with three of them having winning records. I was very pleased with the continued progress of the team. We improved throughout the season and ended with four sectional champs (school record) and four semi-state qualifiers (school record). We also set several individual records this year with only three seniors on the team."

"Taking nothing away from the former coach, who was good, we have had an improvement in preparation and guidance with Mr. Komara."

—Nick Miklusak

Senior Nick Miklusak attributes some of the team's success to the new coach. "Taking nothing away from the former coach, who was good, we have had an improvement in preparation and guidance with Coach Komara," Nick said. "This we should see in improved future seasons. Usually with a new coach there is a lot of confusion and set-back. Instead, we had more people go further into the post-season than ever before. I was happy to be fortunate enough to be one of them."

Junior Paul Doctor said, "Team-wise the season turned out great because our team set many school records. Strong points were that we filled all the weight classes and had some very

good wrestlers. They wrestled good toward the end of the season which helped for sectionals. Weaknesses were that we had a lot of underclassmen that wrestled varsity that had no varsity experience. We also had people wrestle varsity with no wrestling experience at all."

Nick Miklusak adds, "Our major weakness was the general youth of the team. We had four freshmen wrestle a lot of varsity. One of them, Lonnie Byrd, made it to semi-state, which is pretty impressive."

The team records set this year were: Most Sectional Champions (4), Most Regional Qualifiers (8), and Most Semi-State Qualifiers (4). The individual records set this year include: most falls in four years (28), Mark Halverson; most falls in three years (28), Mark Halverson; most falls in two years (23), Mark Halverson; and most falls in one year (13), Mark Halverson and Nick Miklusak. The Quick Pin records in a weight class were: Lonnie Byrd vs. Kankakee Valley—27 seconds, Damion Navarro vs. West Side—11 seconds, Mark Halverson vs. Lew Wallace—15 seconds, and Nick Miklusak vs. Gary Wirt—20 seconds.

The season award winners were: MVP, Mark Halverson; Best Wrestler, Nick Miklusak; Best Grappler, Greg Burbridge; and Best Underclassman, Lonnie Byrd.





Junior Steve Allison gets his opponent under him and tries to gain control to win the wrestling meet.

Pin to Win. Best Wrestler, senior Nick Mikusak easily takes down his opponent and pins him skillfully.



King of Pain. Senior Greg Burbridge looks up at the referee to see if he has correctly completed his pin.

Senior Mark Halverson, who was named Most Valuable Player, tries to get a hold of his opponent and pin him down.

Character is the winner

Dedication and Loyalty shine

Building character and tremendous improvement were the main outcomes of the girls varsity basketball season.

The team ended the season without a victory. According to head coach Don Whittemore, "The season was very disappointing because we did not win a game. We showed tremendous improvement from the beginning of the season. We had several freshmen and sophomores who had to learn on the job and the task was just too great."

People may think the girls didn't work hard enough or try hard enough but those who think that are wrong! According to coach Whittemore, "When you are 0-19 it's hard to find strong points or positive points but I feel the kids showed extreme character in the face of very disturbing circumstances. They were laughed at, mocked and even humiliated at times but they remained loyal to me, the team, the school and the town. I think this speaks very highly of these kids."

Coach Whittemore adds, "Also they were faithful to practice and they worked hard even though the odds were against them. They never gave up all year and I was extremely proud of them for that."

The season award winners were: Miss Hustle sophomore Stacy Baker, Best Attitude sophomore Lea Dixon, Most Improved player freshman Jayme

Davis and Most valuable player junior Tina Toren.

Coach Whittemore feels the team's weaknesses were that we had only two players returning from last year's team and no seniors. So our experience and leadership were lacking. We also had no height and no quickness we had no shooters and no ball handlers. All of these weaknesses were due to our lack of experience."

"They were faithful to practice and they worked hard even though the odds were against them. They never gave up all year."

Coach Whittemore

According to coach Whittemore the outlook for next season is a good one. "The fact that we had no seniors this year means that everyone is returning. We will have 17 players returning and 10 of those are letter winners. All 10 of those started at least two games this year. Next year we will not be suffering from a lack of experience but we still do not have much height. The outlook for next year could be very good if and that is a very big if, the players make a commitment to basketball in the off season. If they don't play between now and next season then we will be in for more of the same. They must learn to shoot and handle the ball in the off season."

The girls basketball season record may show no wins but in the long run the character built, the improvement made and the respect gained for the girls makes them the real winners and they don't have anything to be ashamed of.



Shooting for Two! Freshman Tricia McGuire shoots the ball in a hurry before her opponent can block her.



Coming Through! Sophomore Amy Bohney concentrates on getting by her opponent in order to get closer to the basket.

Please go in! Sophomore Carmen Lopez watches and waits to see if her free throw goes in the basket.



Back row—Lea Dixon, Jayme Davis, Tricia McGuire, Marilyn Marsalek, Coach Darryl Carstensen. Front row—Jennifer Bednar, Tracy Zebrecki, Carmen Lopez.



Back row—Coach Whittemore, manager Jennifer Harding, Stacy Baker, Tina Toren, Lori Okley, Amy Bohney, Asst. coach Carstensen. Front row—Jayme Davis, Jennifer Bednar, Tammy Whitfield, Michelle Castillo, Janelle Wilbey, Carmen Lopez, Lea Dixon.

Senior Darrel Seltz takes a break from running as he steps aside and waits for his team member to shoot.

Senior Bill Stokes jumps up to try and get control of the ball. Bill was named Most Valuable Player on the team.



Back Row—Head coach Jerry Gurrado, asst. coach Gordon Dilling, Mark Smith, Mark Camuski, John Rocknill, Darrel Seltz, Phil Katona, Bill Stokes, asst. coach Bob Hastings. Middle Row—Lance Russell, Brian Royle, Ray Fries, Sean Smith, Pat Murdock, Craig Gail. Front Row—manager Donna Mirza, trainer Amy Gonzalez, and manager Deann Kneivich.


Opp	GH5
Wheeler	58
Morton	66
T.F. South	50
Highland	81
Calumet	46
Gray Wirt	51
Lake Station	48
Whiting	77
Hanover Central	74
Crown Point	71
Knox	47
Lake Central	65
River Forest	42
Munster	73
Lowell	48
Chesterton	52
Calumet	49
Clark	55
Hobart	48
Gavi	75
Lake Station	48
Merrillville	70



Mr. Defense, senior Mark Smith, steps out of bounds with the ball during the game against Gavi.

Season has its ups and downs

First tourney game won in 12 years



It's discouraging for a team to be stereotyped before the season even begins. Many people thought that the boys' varsity basketball team would only win a few games.

The team's overall record for the regular season ended up 8-12, which is better than what a lot of people expected. "At the beginning of the year, we were predicted to win about three or four games and we surprised most people when we won nine games. It was nice hearing along the way that people now respected us," said senior Mark Smith.

Head coach Jerry Gurrado said, "We were like a roller coaster ride, incredible highs and death-defying lows. We were only supposed to win three or four games according to the pre-season 'experts', yet we more than doubled that win prediction. Although we surpassed most people's expectations, we had a couple of games that we felt we should have won." Junior Pat Murdock adds, "We had a fairly decent record which shows how far our basketball program has really come. We showed a lot of non-believers that we could play with some of the better teams in the area. I think our strongest point was that we played together as a team and not as individual players. Our weak point, in my opinion, was that we didn't listen to our

coach until the fourth quarter when the game was on the line. I think if we would have listened to him more, we could have beaten teams like Morton, Whiting, and Clark."

The high point of the season was the sectional. "To close the season on such an incredible high with our roll in the Sectional was a tremendous experience for our fans, our players, and myself," said Coach Gurrado.

Senior Mark Smith said, "The Sectional win was very satisfying as almost anyone on the team could tell you. This was the first Sectional win in twelve years. At the beginning of the year our major goal was to win a Sectional game and it

was very satisfying when we got it."

"The strong points were that we accomplished almost every goal we set. We won a Sectional game, surprised people along the way, and gained respect for the Griffith Basketball Program," said Mark. "What I liked about this team is that we *never* gave up."

The season award winners were: Most Valuable Player, senior Bill Stokes; Mr. Hustle, Junior Pat Murdock; Mr. Defense, senior Mark Smith; Super Sub, senior Brian Royce; Most Improved, senior Lance Russell; Best Attitude, Senior Darrel Seitz and senior Sean Smith; Leadership, senior Bill Stokes, senior Mark Smith, and junior Pat Murdock.

"Although we surpassed most people's expectations, we had a couple of games that we felt we should have won."

—Coach Jerry Gurrado

Season ends with 12-8 record

Team improves as season goes on

The boys' J.V. basketball team had a season record the exact opposite of the varsity. The final record was 12-8.

Head Coach Bob Hastings said, "Our goal was to finish over .500 and win a minimum of half of our conference games which we did. I felt the season was an excellent one. Victories over Highland, Munster, and Calumet were the highlights."

The team was on a winning streak at the beginning of the season. Junior Brian Kretz said, "We started off with a five game winning streak at the beginning of the season which was very nice. We did lose some games in which we should have won against teams with less talent. Because of these losses we didn't have that good of a record, which would have been the best for J.V. in Griffith. We seemed to have an average team after Christmas which was kind of disappointing with the start we had."

Junior Steve Gordon said of the season, "I wanted to have a winning season and it turned out we did our team's strong point was in the shooting category. Four out of five of us could hit pretty good. When we needed someone to shoot, one of the five of us had to be hot, then we just let that person shoot for us. A weakness was in our ball handling. Brian Kretz was just about the only person who could dribble very

well, and no one else could dribble worth a dime."

Junior Brian Kretz disagrees about the team's strong points. "Our strong points were our team speed and the fact that our players at every position could dribble good. We seemed to play as a team at the beginning of the season, but towards the end seemed to be going for their own stats. Another weakness was that we had only one

real rebounder and sometimes other teams were bigger both height wise and weight wise."

Sophomore Doug Keen was pleased with the way the season turned out. "We had a decent record and won some of the bigger games. We

played well as a team when we needed to. Our weakness was our early foul trouble in the third quarter and our free throw shooting also caused some trouble."

Manager Amy Gonzales said, "I've been a trainer/manager for three years now and I think that this year's season was the best one yet for the J.V. They all played real well and gave it their best shot. They all seemed to enjoy their season and they enjoyed working together as teammates."

The season award winners were: Most Valuable Player, Sophomore Sean Farley; Most Improved Player, sophomore Tom Porter; and Best attitude sophomore Doug Keen.

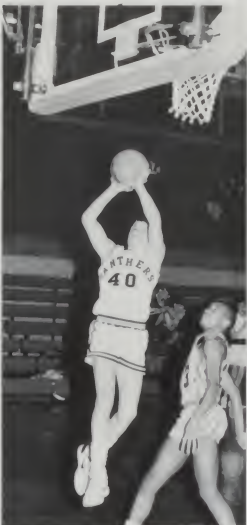
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—Coach Bob Hastings





Go get 'em team! Junior varsity basketball coach gives the team a pep talk before the game. This is done to give the team confidence.



Freshman Joe Sainato shoots for two while the opposing player looks on. Joe was one of two freshmen who played on J.V.

Give me that ball! Sophomore Sean Farley grabs the ball away from the other team. Sean was the Most Valuable J.V. player.



Back row—Head coach Bob Hastings, Steve Gordon, Mike Jovanovich, Phil Katona, Sean Farley, Doug Keen, Dan Shadwell. Middle Row—Roy Rhin, Tom Porter, Brian Kretz, Jeff Strack, Dan Shefferson. Front J.V. cheerleaders—Kary Hoffman, Deanne Tait, Julie Russell, Denise Hochstetler and Michelle Graham.

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Highland	36	39
Calumet	43	44
Whiting	48	41
Crown Point	54	40
Lake Central	66	36
Munster	35	36
Lowell	36	35
Clark	42	60
Gavit	51	62

Streeetch Freshman Mike Jovanovich goes up for the rebound against Gavit. The Griffith Panthers went on to beat Gavit.

Swimmers have a few laughs

Team has setbacks due to illness

The boys' swim team had a pretty average season as far as their record goes, but what can a record tell you?

A record can't tell you how many people came out for the team. It can't tell you that the team was short of swimmers due to illness for many of the meets. The record really doesn't tell you very much at all.

The team's record was 9-9 overall, but there were many factors that may have held the team back. "The big weakness of the team this year was the number of injuries and illnesses," said junior John Lesniak. There were many swimmers out at a time because of either an injury or illness. This really hurt the team's performance in a few meets. I thought we had a pretty good season, though. We all swam fairly well and we won a few very hard meets."

Senior Gregg Brandush said of the season, "It would have been nice to win a couple of more meets, but I think we did the best that could be expected of us. I think everyone put out one hell of an effort, not only in the meets, but during practice, too. The practices were tough, but I enjoyed them more than the practices for any other sport."

Most people don't realize the amount of time and effort that goes into swimming meets and practices.

Sometimes, it is too hard to balance swimming with other things. "In a way I enjoyed swimming, but it took up too much time and it was really just too hard to enjoy," said junior Jeff Sweeney. "Our team was not too strong this season," he added. "Overall we did not have enough depth to compete with the swimming powers."

Having a united team helped get through some of the rough times the team had. "Actually I liked the team's camaraderie," said senior Gregg Brandush. "Everyone got along really well. I really don't think that we had that bad of a team. We only finished 500, but I feel it was because of the limited number of swimmers. For a small team, we competed well against large schools like Munster and Highland. Another weakness the team had to overcome was the constant loss of swimmers due to illness or injury. I can't think of one meet where we had our full squad of swimmers in the water."

"We had a couple of senior swimmers who looked good, but Jeff Ritter had tendonitis, and he could not start swimming on time," junior Jeff Sweeney added. "Another problem was that our captain, instead of trying to bring the team together, was not able to swim on time and set an example for the sophomores and freshmen."

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—Greg Brandush

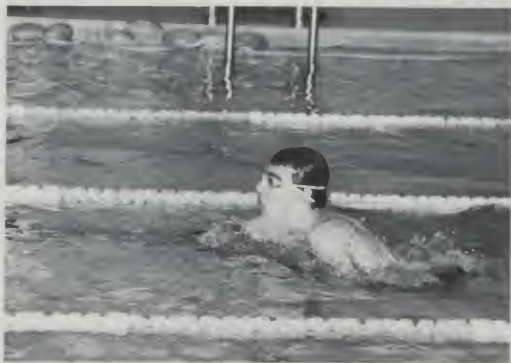
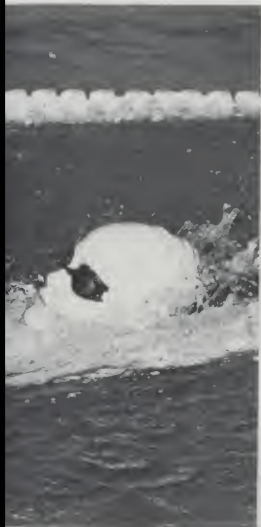




Freshman Doug Lovin sits on the bench and takes a breather as seniors Jeff Ritter and Steve Holen chat with Coach Millus.

Freshman Brian Sweeney makes a splash as he backstrokes his way to the end of the swimming pool.

Junior Jeff Sweeney tries to pull ahead of the other swimmers as he attempts to perfect the breaststroke



Junior John Lesniak picks up speed as he glides through the water by using the butterfly technique.

Junior Jeff Sweeney bobs up for a breath of air during a rigorous swimming meet against Lake Central

Team places 4th in Sectionals

Richardson makes it to Regionals

Starting off the season with one returning letterman wouldn't exactly lead one to have a bright outlook for the team's season, but the golf team succeeded in finishing with a better-than-expected season record, even though the odds were against them.

The overall record ended up as 9 wins and 11 losses and the team placed fourth in Sectionals. Along with only one returning letterman, the team had to adjust to a new coach this season, which is not always easy to do. It takes time for the players to get used to new coaching techniques and it also takes time for a new coach to get used to coaching new players and a new sport.

Head Coach Keith Shorb said of the season, "Our record of 9 and 11 indicates the type of season we had—unpredictable! As a team, we could shoot a score of 171 or 193 on any given day. We did become a little more consistent towards the end of the season and we won the matches were supposed to win and we played most of our good competition close."

"I am very happy with parts of our season. With only one returning letterman, we really lacked in experience. This is the reason for our inconsistent play. We finished fourth in our fourteen

team sectional, only seven strokes out of third place, which would have qualified our team for regionals."

One bright spot on the team was senior Terry Richardson. "Terry Richardson did qualify with his low score of 84, and will play in the Regional competition. Another nice thing that happened was defeating a strong Crown Point squad midway through out season. These highlights give us something to build on for next year. We will also have three returning lettermen and a couple of J.V. players who played a lot this season. Our strongest point as a team was a spirit of togetherness. The players would help each other with their game in order to

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—Coach Shorb

benefit the team."

Junior Craig Gall felt one of the team's downfalls was their inability to play well on foreign courses. "It was fairly disappointing due to our lack of consistency and because we never reached our potential," Craig said. "We also scored poorly on opponents' courses."

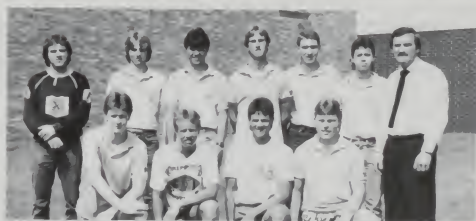
The season award winners were: Low Medalist for the season, junior Craig Gall; Most Improved Player, sophomore Tom Zapinski; All-Conference Second Team, First Player, junior Craig Gall; Low Medalist at Sectionals, senior Terry Richardson; and the Qualifier for Regionals was senior Terry Richardson.





Senior Dave Satzer takes a careful practice swing at the ball in order to rifle it down the fairway.

Junior Craig Gall holds the flag and takes a break as he watches his team mate make a close putt



Back Row—Dave Satzer, Terry Richardson, Todd Zacow, Craig Gall, Tom Zapinski, Rob Shinkle, Coach Keith Shorb. Front Row—Chris Black, John Mowery, Mike Anderson, and Troy Towleson.

Senior Terry Richardson tries to chip the shot onto the green during a tough golf game against Lake Central.

Team improves in third season

Team members earn winning record

What started out looking like a rebuilding season for the Griffith Panthers due to the graduation of many of the seniors turned out to be the team's first winning record yet in their three year history.

The Panthers finished the season with 6 wins, 5 losses, and 1 tie. Three of their losses were lost by one goal. Junior Bill Curtis said, "We probably could have done better. We started out good but we lost some games against a couple of tough teams. I definitely think we are the best of the small schools and are just below Munster and Portage."

The Panthers played this year with only one senior starter—Mathias Samuelsson, exchange student from Sweden. Samuelsson said, "I'm glad we finished the season with a winning record, but we should have won at least three more games. I'm a little bit disappointed only because I thought that we had the ability to do better."

Sophomore Brian Phillips said, "I was satisfied with the season but at the beginning of the season we were not working up to our ability and we were not working as a team. As the season went on we got things straight and we won the games we needed to win to keep a winning record." Phillips went on to say, "Next year is going to be a strong year for us and we are going to

win more games than we did this year."

Chris Galambos, sophomore, said, "We had the spirit to win. Even the people on the bench were a big part. When we were losing or even winning, the people on the bench would cheer on the team."

Phillips added, "One of our strong points was that we started earlier than other teams in working on conditioning.

**"As the season went on, we got things straight and we won the games we needed to win to keep a winning record."
—Brian Phillips**

Also, a lot of us were running after school which helped our endurance out a lot. One of our weak points was that we didn't concentrate on the game enough. In practices, too many people clowned around and others weren't prepared

mentally for the game."

Next year's team will be a team of veterans. Most of the starters will be seniors, and many will have already been starters. Many of the players feel that their fourth season will be their best season yet. Curtis added, "We are only going to lose one senior starter going into next year. Most of the starters for next year will have already been starters from this year."

With the loss of only one senior starter to the Panthers and a positive mental attitude towards next year, the Panthers look to have their best season yet next year. Curtis concluded, "I have no doubt that we are going to be contenders next year."



Junior Devon Enloe keeps his concentration straight and his nerves steady as he tries to score.

Sophomore Brian Phillips forcefully charges at the soccer ball and comes to the aid of his team.



Back row—Ron Kneistrick, Joe Buchko, Tony Castas, Devon Enloe, Troy Damps, Mathias Samuelsson, Mark Wiley, Bill Berens, Dave Woodard. Middle row—Ray Josephwald, Troy Lockwood, Jose Magera, Ron Phillips, Brian Phillips, Chris Garamba, Steve Allison, Dan Leslie, Bill Curtis, Matt Lake. Front row—Mike Lake, Scott Jennings, Bill Thomas, Ryan Davis, Mike Mastello, Mike Steele, Doug Fullerton.

Juniors Rich Phillips and Devon Enloe and freshman Mike Steele take a breather from the game to refresh themselves.

Final record ends 6 and 7

Team is more like a group of friends

Hard work, team spirit, and dedication. These are all qualities possessed by this year's Girls' Tennis team. Not only did they work hard, but they had fun making this year successful. "This year's team was more than just a team, we were all friends," said senior Julianne Rowe. "That was the biggest advantage. The team, of course, had its variety, but that made it more special."

Competing against teams that practice throughout the year posed a real challenge for the team. Successfully, the girls competed in thirteen matches, and won six. Ending up the season, they placed just under 500.

Although the team played a good season, the girls felt that many things hindered them from being better. Sophomore Adrienne Companik said, "Our major weak point is not a physical one, it's dedication to the sport. There still isn't true dedication." Concentration was hard for some people. Junior Jennifer Cobb was one of these people. She said, "Not being able to concentrate when there might be cute guys running or going by" was a problem Jennifer had. "Our strong competition which practiced all year," said senior Julianne Rowe, "was a weakness that needs to be worked on by the

team next year."

On the positive side, the team had many strong points. "Our strong points were depth and determination. These girls are so close in ability and they are ALL winners; used to achieving and working hard toward their goals," said Coach Dixon. Senior Julianne Rowe said, "We all went out to play with an attitude of winning, even if we lost, we picked right back up the next match

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—Julianne Rowe

and were destined to try harder." "Only three of our players had varsity experience. In a way it might have helped us though, because the team was willing to learn and try new strategies," said junior Julie Russell.

The girls view next year's team with a positive and a hopeful attitude. "If this year went this well, by next season the GHS tennis team should be invincible," said sophomore Adrienne Companik. Most of the other girls feel the same way about the tennis team for next year.

"I'm very glad that I joined tennis. I've had so much fun that the work is worth it and hey, if I get rich and join a country club, tennis will sure come in handy," said junior Kris Bowron.

All in all the season turned out to be good. In other words, you can work hard and have fun, too!





Coach Gary Dixon and team members Julianne Rowe, Theresa Joseph, and Heather Meier talk before the match.



*Back Row—Coach Dixon, Julie Novicki, Julie Russell, Kiki Bowron, Heather Meier, Theresa Joseph, Cheryl Mitchell, Jennifer Cobb.
Front Row—Toni Morrison, Julianne Rowe, Barb Bulema, Mirjana Balac, Chris Klemola, Marilyn Mandzicki, Melissa Moore, and Pam Muha.*



Junior Mirjana Balac warms up before her match. Mirjana has been with the girls' tennis team for two years.

Watch out! Senior Julianne Rowe hurries to try and save a low-bouncing ball that has been hit to her.

Runners psyche up for season

Teams have very different seasons

A 13 and 5 season is quite an accomplishment, especially when you take into consideration that the team, in this case the girls' track team, only had eight returning varsity letter winners out of a team of thirty-three.

Senior Shelley Riggle said, "I feel we had a successful track season, because the team as a whole had good mental attitudes and a desire to win, and also a desire to improve. The team had a lot of underclassmen who were just as strong, physically and mentally, as the returning members. Also, the team was willing to work hard for their goals and tried to achieve them the best that they could."

"We didn't have a very good record, but we did have fun and we also learned a lot about the sport and about ourselves."

—Tom Wright

The girls also set many school records this season, indoor as well as outdoor. For the indoor records, in the 400 meter dash, Sue Wittfog; 200 meter dash, Elaine Peters; 800 meter relay, Dori Hobbs, Joanna Simon, Sue Wittfog, and Elaine Peters; 3200 meter run, Pam Wittfog; and in the discus, Laura Waldron.

Coach Lee Bollhorst said of the team, "This season had to be the highlight of the ten years of coaching the young ladies. The winning record is always nice to have, but to me the most important item was their outstanding attitude."

The boys' track team may not have

had a terrific looking season record, but many of the team's members felt that they got a lot out of the season, even if they did not win lot of their meets.

Junior Tom Wright felt that the team's attitude helped. "We didn't have a very good record, but we did have fun and we also learned a lot about the sport and about ourselves," Tom said.

"All and all it was a good season. We had a few good athletes, like Jim Mirda and Rob Kirby. We also had a general attitude of teamwork."

Sophomore Mark de la Vega said, "I thought that the team's strongest points were in the distance events. Jim Mirda,

Rob Kirby, and Jerry Menser really helped the team in the 1600 and 3200. Chris Kunch also helped out in the 800. I give all the credit of the distance runners' success to our distance coach, Darrel Croft. He has helped us a lot during our rough times, and has taught us a lot about running. The team's weaknesses were the sprinting and field events, but that is just because not that many people want to run track except for the people who ran cross country." Mark added about next season, "Next year's team should do pretty well or maybe even the same, but it won't be as strong in the distance events as it was this year."



Sophomore Dan Stefanetti does some stretching exercises to prepare him for the big home track meet.



Girls' Track, top—back row—Coach Debbie Broom, Angela Gulotta, Triha Grandys, Julie Ortiz, Donna Hockstetter, Paula Baffner, Shelley Riggle, Donna Fryman, Paula Irvin, Missy Grabowski, Laura Waldron, Sue Wittfang, Elaine Peters, Heather Grabowski, Charlott Krasowsky, Coach Tina Rodgers. Middle row—Donna Stacken, Monica Taylor, Kathy Lock, Wendy Mares, Don Hobbs, Leah Lipovich, Christine Tans, Christine Pakuci, Karen Beatty, Sheri Stacken, Lori Russell—Paula Christenson, Julie Hedges, Wendy Mares, Jenny Huddleston, Pam Wittfang, Becky Baker, Susan Kwansy, Mary Tingey, Kim Morarty.



Boys' Track, bottom—front row—Mike Lefts, Dan Kneeman, Tom Wright, Dan Stefanetti, Chris Kunch, Branko Stephanovich, Jim Graff, Mike Anderson, Chris Decker, Marilyn Thomas. Middle row—Coach Bill Kester, Mike Beatty, Mike Mall, Eddie Senag, Brian Mounts, Byron Banks, Chris Dils, Ken Herd, Brian Hero, Carlos Cundiff, Coach Daniel Craft. Front row—John Lesnick, Chris Kunch, Dan Rodriguez, Matt Galacy, Rob Kirby, Jerry Menner, Mark de la Vega, Jim Mirza.



Senior Elaine Peters takes a trial run through for the long jump event as team mate Sue Wittfang assists.

Senior Jim Graff practices shot-putting for an upcoming meet against the rival Highland High School.

Winning season in baseball

9-3 finish for conference games

Senior Earl Brammer takes his swings during a tough game against Crown Point as his team mates look on.

Baseball is one sport where the size of its players does not make the team. In 1987, the Griffith Panthers proved that a small school can play along with and win against the bigger teams.

The Panthers finished the season with a 16-11 record (a 59.3 percent winning percentage) and went 9-3 (a 75 percent winning percentage) against teams in their conference to earn second place.

Head Coach Jim Anderson said, "The last half of the season had gone well compared to the first half. I am very pleased with our conference record of 9-3—good for second place. We were not highly regarded in the pre-season but were in contention for first place right up to the final day. We had a six game winning streak from May 4 to May 13 that turned our season around. There are a few games that I felt we should have won."

Junior Mike Gaby said, "Our season didn't start out well, but towards the end of the season our team finally got on track and we started to win some games."

Junior Brian Kretz said, "We finished better than what everybody expected but the season was somewhat disappointing because we had a chance to take the conference but we couldn't win the game against Crown Point."

What made the Panthers the con-

tenders that they were was their good hitting. Coach Anderson said, "We had a final team average of .280 which was very good. We were only shut out once this season." The Panthers averaged 5.93 runs a game compared to the opponents average 6.04 runs a game.

The Panthers also had a few weak points which next years team hopes to work out. Gaby said, "Our fielding was

mediocre at best and our pitching wasn't that great but was better than expected despite occasional control problems."

Coach Anderson added, "Pitching was our biggest problem, our pitchers threw too many balls and not enough strikes; too

many walks and too many wild pitches."

Coach Anderson concluded, "Over all, we have done poorly on defense, our pitchers have walked too many batters, and our base-running has been inconsistent."

Gaby concluded, "Our pitching for next year should be good because many of our pitchers are now juniors. Our hitting for next year looks to be as promising as this years was. All the returning players from this year are all hitting .270 or better with some in the .300's and one in the .400's. One thing that we need is to cut down on strikeouts. We will be a formidable hitting team."

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—Head Coach Jim Anderson





Seniors Brett Dines, Bill Stokes and Greg Burbridge and juniors Dave Arndt and Dom Chidichimo gather on the mound to plan their strategy.



Back Row—Coach Craig Adelsperger, Dave Arndt, Brian Royle, Bill Stokes, Phil Katona, Earl Schreiber, Head Coach, Jim Anderson. Middle Row—Dan Shadwell, Dom Chidichimo, Brian Kretz, Brett Dines, Earl Brammer, Brett Zabel, Tim Dutkiewicz. Front Row—Mike Gabry, Pat Muddock, Dave Harriets, Greg Burbridge, Gordon Broady, Keith Galacy.



Junior Dave Arndt touches third base and glances toward first base readying himself to go to home base and score in case of a throwing error.

Senior Greg Burbridge takes a few warm up tosses before the start of the top half of the inning. Warming up is important so as to avoid injuries.

Younger team plays tough

Experience needed to pull through

When you have to follow up a very good first season, sometimes changes are bound to happen. You can't have the same kind of season since there are different people on the team.

The girls' softball team tried to perform as well as they did last season, but this year's team was very different from last year's team. This season's team was a very young team. Head Coach Jerry Gurrado said, "We went with a young movement this year and we knew we would struggle early but the team really shaped up and improved dramatically in the second half of the season. I would give the season an eight and a half out of ten."

Junior Stephanie Bronson said of the season, "At the beginning we didn't work together real well, but as the season went on, we did a lot better. We had a very young team and as we gained experience we started playing tougher. I was happy with the way it turned out, even though we didn't do as good as last year because everyone learned a lot."

Even though the team didn't do as well as they would have liked, Coach Gurrado was still pleased with the way the season turned out. "I don't know if you can be satisfied with ending your season on a losing note, but overall, yeah, I was pretty happy."

Of our twelve losses, ten were to teams that were ranked in state at one time or another throughout the season. Our opposition won four sectionals and were runners-up in six other sectionals, so we played many good veteran teams. Overall, I thought we did a nice job. The 'old heads' did a great job of breaking in the rookies and going outside their personality to show some leadership," said Coach Gurrado.

Coach Gurrado concluded, "Our strengths would be work ethic and pride. In two short years the program has set some pretty lofty standards and the players really rose to the occasion well throughout the season."

Junior Stephanie Bronson concluded, "Our strongest point was not giving up. Even though we were having a bad year, we still kept together and played well."

The season award winners were: Highest Batting Average, senior Linda Gabrys; Best Infielder, senior Karen Imboden; Best Outfielder, junior Mary Jane Grubach; Best Pitcher, freshman Michelle Castillo; Ironman Award, sophomore Stacey Baker; Miss Clutch, senior Cheryl O'Donnell; Miss Defense, senior Cheryl O'Donnell; Miss Offense, senior Linda Gabrys; Most Improved Player, sophomore Janean Wilsey; Best Attitude, junior Mary Jane Grubach; and Most Valuable Player, senior Linda Gabrys.

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—Stephanie Bronson



Look out! Sophomore Stacey Baker tries to intimidate her opponent before pitching the next ball to her

Sophomore Deanne Tanis watches the pitcher's every move in her attempt to steal the next base



Back Row—Coach Jerry Gurrado, Eileen Hochstetler, Stacey Baker, Mary Jane Grubich, Linda Gabrys, Karen Imboden, Rachel Palmer, Angie Covamubias, Stephanie Branson, Jamie Davis, Jennifer Harder, Coach Darryl Carstensen, Middle Row—Cheryl O'Donnell, Jennifer Carpenter, Julie Ranier, Carmen Lopez, Tricia Turner, Deanne Tanis, Janice Wilsey, Julie Ranier, Front Row—Came Rockhill, Brandy Renchler, Michele Castillo, Christine Roys, Jenny Bednar, Laura Pretek, Jenny Hamilton, Laura Covamubias.

Coach Jerry Gurrado along with Assistant Coach Darryl Carstensen take a time out to plan the team's next play.

Unanimous vote for GHS fans

GHS wins award for sportsmanship

Surely you must have heard this before, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." This bit of advice really isn't much consolation, though, when you do lose.

It was a little different at this year's basketball sectionals. Even though the team lost, the athletes, students, coaches, and fans were awarded for "how they played the game".

GHS received this year's Sportsmanship Award, which is given out each year during sectionals. The winner is selected from a vote which one representative from each of the eight schools attending casts. The winner is judged on their spirit and all-around sportsmanship.

This isn't the first time that GHS has won this award. According to Mr. Cox, the 1973 Sportsmanship Award is sitting in the trophy case by the fieldhouse entrance. "This year the fans were really excited because we won the first game of the Sectionals. There was a lot more enthusiasm this year," said Mr. Cox. "The vote for Griffith by the other schools was unanimous."

Along with a trophy comes a \$1,00 scholarship which was awarded to a GHS student, Amy Gonzalez. The money comes from local industries that contribute money for the Sportsmanship Award for the Lake County Boys' Basketball Sectionals.

Head Boys' Basketball Coach, Jerry Gurrado, was pleased about winning the award, even though the team lost the game. "Many people might think of the Sportsmanship Award like Miss Congeniality at the Miss America pageant. Not me, I was thrilled. To win the sectional would have been great but as far as I'm concerned, that's the second best award," said Coach Gurrado.

"The Sectional itself can be won on pure talent with bigger schools having a distinct advantage. The Sportsmanship Award is based on sportsmanship, conduct, loyalty, spirit, and enthusiasm of not only the players and coaches, but also the student body and fans. Many times other

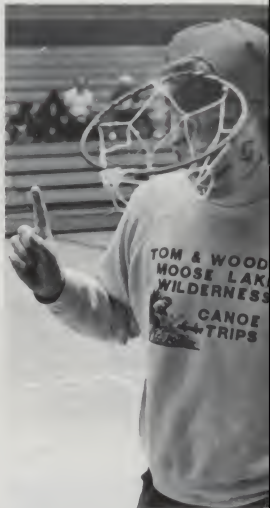
schools look down their noses at Griffith. I considered this award redemption to show the spirit and class of the school community."

Mr. Cox added, "Even when the team was losing, the fans were cheering. You would have thought we had won from the way the fans were cheering."

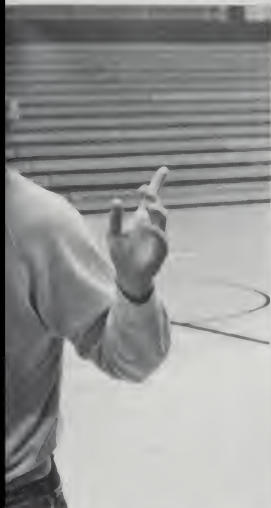
The next time you walk by the trophy case and see all of the trophies that are pretty meaningless to you, just remember that you helped to win the Sportsmanship Award just by being a GHS fan. Don't expect the award to be in the trophy case the next time you check. It won't arrive until sometime during the 1987-88 school year.

"To win the Sectional would have been great, but as far as I'm concerned, that's the second best award."

—Coach Jerry Gurrado



A Wild and Crazy Guy, Senior Steve Fowler participates in the Sectional festivities and shows his spirit.



Stand UP! Be Proud! The Panther fans cheer as the team members break through the hoop before a game during the regular season.

Would you like to bump into these guys in a dark alley? Seniors Greg Burbridge and Earl Brammer and Junior Dave Harretos psyche up for Sectionals.



A different beat

The people involved make the difference

Griffith—What makes our school different from all the rest? All schools have basically the same curriculum, activities, and rules. They also all meet in a building and have the same standard materials—blackboards, desks, lockers, etc. The one thing that gives a school a good or bad reputation is the people. A good or bad attitude by the students affects a lot.

"Students differ from day to day. Sometimes we have good days and sometimes we have bad days. That affects how we act at convocations. We're always united though. We either have good or bad manners," said junior Greg Kemp. "Sometimes when the student body has a lot of spirit and we try to express that, our actions are taken negatively by certain teachers. I'm glad to see that when this happens (like at the spell bowl) we seem to get even more spirit by banding together to 'face' the teacher. That's when I realize how much I like everyone here," said senior Todd Raybuck. "We have one of the most spirited schools around. At football and basketball games, everyone is there ready to cheer the teams on. It makes the cheerleaders job more easier and fun," said junior Chris Kleimola.

Extra-curricular activities aren't the only things that students attitudes affect. "I think everyone's high spirited attitudes affects how they spend their free time. Whenever I go out with a group of friends, I always have the best time!" said sophomore Lyzette Leal. "For the most part students are friendly to one another. My friends from other schools are always saying how it seems like everyone hangs out together and knows one another well. That's not exactly true but it's close," said junior Christina Vasquez.

There's a real sense of unity among students. If you don't think so then we've got news for you.



Taga party anyone? Sophomore Adrienne Companik shows her spirit, as many other students did, on costume day during Homecoming.



Is anybody out there? Junior Michelle Berens looks bowed out at the journalism Christmas party. The staff drew names from a hat and gave anonymous gifts to the person they chose



There's no such thing as a free lunch. Senior Mathias Samuelson finds a convenient spot among the garbage cans to chow down at the lock-in. The food was paid for by local merchants.

Even the best of us!

Ever have a real embarrassing moment in your life? Everybody has embarrassing moments some time or another—even teachers.

"What?!" one may blurt out, "Teachers couldn't possibly ever do something embarrassing." Wrong.

Take Mrs. Sheila Vlacvik for example. She has first hour prep so she usually has a cup of coffee in the morning. Usually by second hour she has not yet finished her cup. Not once, but three times has she spilled her coffee all over her desk and onto a stack of homework. "The embarrassment continues when I pass back

homework stained with coffee."

Mr. Les Thornton, history teacher and football coach has had an embarrassing moment of his own. "One time I got confused on what period it was. I thought it was my prep period so I went down to the library to do some reading. I soon realized my mistake and was fifteen minutes late for my own class.

Miss Julie Marcinek and Mrs. Nancy Hastings, journalism adviser for Munster, departed for a journalism convention in New York City. It turned out that when they got to the airport, they were

at the wrong one—Midway instead of O'Hare. "Word got around school and needless to say, I was teased mercilessly upon my return."

Mrs. Susie El Nafgar is teaching Algebra I for the first time in 14 years. On the second day of school she began teaching Geometry to the students. "I saw the puzzled looks on their faces and then realized I was supposed to be teaching Algebra I, not Geometry.

Next time you have an embarrassing moment, don't feel too bad. It's happened to the best

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Mr. Bartel Zandstra, School Attorney; Mrs. Sarah S. Cundiff, School Treasurer; Mr. William E. Gall, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Robert G. Kurtz, Superintendent; Mr. Samuel Cox, Principal

Mr. David Smith, Assistant Principal; Ms. Sue Arlin, Sr. High Office Secretary; Mr. Jim Bartlett, Athletic Director; Mrs. Sandra Beahm, Basic and General Biology; Mr. Howard F. Besch, Physics, Chemistry, Department Chairperson, Academic Decathlon Coach.

Mr. William Birk, Economics, Basic U.S. History; Mrs. Ruth Carmichael, General and Advanced Biology; Mr. Darryl Carstensen, Plane Geometry, Junior Class Sponsor, Girls J.V. Basketball Coach; Mrs. Teresa Carstensen, Geometry, Consumer Math; Mr. N. Cross, Band, Department Chairperson.





Mr. Wayne Price, typing instructor, enters students' grades into his grade book. It's important for teachers to keep accurate records for when grades come out to the students.



Mrs. Clara Lazer, guidance department secretary, shows senior Shelley Yanke how to fill out a guidance department form. Student aids have become a big help to teachers and secretaries.



Mr. Carl Dalton, Beginning Comp. Psychology, Sociology, Dept. Chairperson, Mrs. Martha Davis, Chemistry, Biology, Human Issues, Booster Club Sponsor, Mrs. Barbara Deleget, Computer Prog. I-II, Trigonometry, Essentials of Mathematics, Mr. Ronald Divjak, Spanish I-II, Cross Country Coach

Mrs. Mary L. Earp, R.N., School Nurse, Mrs. Susie El Naggar, Trigonometry, Advanced Geometry, Analytic Geometry, Algebra I, Academic Decathlon Coach, Miss Charlotte Fedorchak, Spanish I-II, Mr. Tim Foss, Computer Literacy.

Mrs. Iona Glassford, Child Development, Mr. Jerry W. Gurrado, Government, U.S. History, Current Events, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach, Girls' Varsity Softball coach, Mrs. Jackie Hansen, Suspension Supervisor, Mr. Bob Hastings, World History, J.V. Basketball Coach.

Ms. Lawrence R. Hawthorne, Media Specialist, Mrs. Lynn Heller, Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Jean M. Herd, Library Assistant, Mrs. Betty Holmgren, Business Law, Shortland I-II.

Vacationing Teachers

How do you spend your time during summer breaks? Do you go to beaches, trying to get that perfect suntan? Do you go to summer school, hoping to get that needed credit? Do you just sit and wait to go back to school?

What about teachers? How do they spend their summer vacation?

Besides having her feet operated on, Mrs. Suzanne Lamfalusi spent some time in and around Boston and New Orleans. "I enjoyed visiting all of the historic sights around Boston." She also attended some economic seminars.

Miss Julie Marcinek spent two weeks of her summer vacation teaching a year-book class at Indiana University's high school journalism institute in Bloomington. "It was fun to spend the two weeks in Bloomington because I spent my college years there. I had enjoyed teaching the course because it was specialized and the editors from all the other schools were enthusiastic."

Mr. Jerry Gurrado was invited to go to West Germany to be guest coach at a basketball camp. While in Europe he went to Austria to attend the European high school basketball cham-

pionship. He also visited Germany, Paris, Italy, Switzerland, and Luxemburg. "Being a history teacher, it was neat to see the culture and the history of Europe," Gurrado added, "It was very flattering that they asked me to go there. It was truly a dream come true. I had always wanted to see Europe one day, this surpassed what I had ever dreamed of."

Many teachers take advantage of the lengthy vacation that they are given with the job. Who knows what they may have done over this summer.



Mrs. Janet Howell, Guidance Counselor; Mrs. Margie Keithley, Clothing Dept. Chairperson; Prep. for Adult Living, Mrs. Bernice Koby, P.E.; Mrs. Janet Konopsek, Attendance Secretary; Mr. Dick Koval, Accounting, Business Math, Department Chairperson.

Mrs. Suzanne Lamfalusi, U.S. History, Economics; Mrs. Clara Lazar, Guidance Secretary; Mr. Dan Leslie, Woods I-II; Miss Julie A. Marcinek, Soph. English, Journalism, Reflector, Panther Press, Quill and Scroll Sponsor; Mr. George McClure, Metals I-III.

Mrs. Margaret McNabney, keyboarding, Career Prep; Miss Kim Millus, Head Swimming Coach; Mr. L.E. Owen, Basic and General World History; Mr. Larry Parker, Drafting I; Dept. Chairperson, Mrs. Susan Patrick's, Sophomore and Basic English, Beginning and Practical Composition.

Mrs. Kyra Perry, Typing I-II, Office Procedure; Mrs. Joyce Pettska, Basic Biology; Mr. Bill Platt, Algebra II, Calculus; Mr. Wayne Price, Typing I, Keyboarding; Mr. Donald Ray, Government, U.S. History, Health, Academic Decathlon Coach, Football and Basketball Scorekeeper.



Got All of that? Mrs. Sandra Beahm uses the overhead projector to give notes to the class. The projector makes giving notes to students easier.



On December 26, 1986 Mr. Robert Butler died of a massive heart attack. Mr. Robert Butler was in his third year at Griffith as the Central Duplicating supervisor. The heart attack occurred two days after he was released from the hospital from having bypass surgery. He is survived by his wife, Terri, and his son, Chris.



Mr. Richard Reyame, Career Prep—Marketing, Vocational Coordinator, C.E. Classes, Asst. Varsity Football Coach, D.E.C.A. Sponsor. Mr. Charles Ricks, Department Chairperson, Drawing and Painting I-II, Art Appreciation, Mrs. Sharon Smith, Basic and Advanced Sophomore English, American Novel, Department Chairperson, Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, Choir, Music theory.

Mr. G.R. Spejewski, Grammar, Speech, General Lit. I-II, Mrs. Judy Surovek, Contemporary Lit., Advanced Comp. Soph. English, Academic Decathlon Coach, Mr. Les Thornton, U.S. History, World History, Head Varsity Football Coach, Asst. Wrestling Coach, Varsity Club Sponsor, Senior Class sponsor, Mrs. Elaine Thrall, Beg. and Int. Foods.

Ms. Julie Turner, Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Vacclavik, Sophomore English, Beg. Composition, Mrs. Nancy Weaver, A.V. Secretary, Mr. Ray E. Weaver, Spanish II-IV, Asst. Drama Coach, Student Council Sponsor, G.H.S. Movies Sponsor.

Miss Betty Weber, French I-V, Department Chairperson, Mr. Robert Witt, Ceramics, Arts and Crafts, Jewelry, Mrs. Nancy Yanuzzi, Calligraphy, Miss Marilyn Young, Sophomore English.

Moving on and up!!

Moving on and moving up! Changing grades is never easy and leaving high school is even harder for some students at our school.

According to junior Chris Kelimola, "Changing grades used to be exciting because when you were younger you would think only 3 or 4 years to go, but now that I'm a Junior, it is scary and exciting because there is just ONE year to go!"

Junior Teresa Kung has a different thought on changing grades. "Each higher grade involves in taking on more responsibility."

The Senior class has a feeling of happiness and relief that high school is finally over and college life is now beginning. According to Lisa Zvyak, senior, "I'm finally a senior! I am so glad I'm graduating. I don't think I could handle another year if I was a junior. I'm glad I'm almost through. I've been in school a long time."

Not having to do any homework is a

big advantage seniors feel. According to senior Brett Dines, "It's pretty cool being a senior now because you do what you want which does not include homework but a lot of activities on the weekend." Senior Darrell Seitz adds, "It's great being a senior. No homework and a lot more freedom in class. It feels weird knowing that you won't be roaming the halls next year."

Some seniors find the thought of leaving kind of scary. According to senior John Gearhart, "It's great to be a senior! You get to do more things. But it's sort of scary too because you know you won't be back causing trouble next year."

Senior George Knish says, "It's been fun but, it's time to move on to bigger and better things."

Moving on and moving up is the name of the game and GHS students are proving it's not easy to do either one but they're having a lot of fun trying!



Senior Ise Eggar catches up on her homework during her spare time as library aide. Many students choose the job of being a student aide as an alternate to taking a regular class.

When is this going to look like a pinata? Third year Spanish students juniors Peter Teumer and Gregg Kemp follow the Mexican tradition of making Spanish pinatas.





Senior John Gearhart and juniors Jerry Last and Peter Taumer relax after a busy hour of Analytic Geometry. Students live for minutes of free time at the end of each class.

Senior Kire Volpe looks over a typed story for her section in the yearbook. Having a position on the yearbook staff brings on a whole new load of important responsibilities.

Sophomore Brian Textor takes a computer back to the library. Many students jump at the chance to get out of class by helping a teacher run an errand or return something.

Other Views

When we think of most other schools around us what words come to our mind Big? Rich? Snobs? big football team?

How about students from some of the other schools around us. What exactly are their views of Griffith?

Sophomore John Kawalski from Merrillville High School said, "I wouldn't mind going there, even though it is a smaller school than MHS. It would be interesting to see how different the school is run and how different the kids are in a small school."

Susan Anaszewicz, Junior from Munster High School said, "I don't think anything bad about Griffith except that I think that people from other schools like Griffith kind of think of us at Munster as

snobs which is wrong."

Junior Mike Schmidt from Merrillville High School said, "Griffith would be a good school to attend because of its small enrollment and it gives you a chance to know everyone."

Senior Jeff Barnes from Morton High School said, "To be truthful, I hardly ever hear about Griffith."

Sophomore George Gile from Merrillville High School said, "I've played against them a few times on the basketball court and they're a pretty good team for such a small school."

Mark Hollandsworth from Merrillville High School said, "They are one of the most underrated schools and they surprise a lot of teams in sports."



Junior Theresa Kung finishes up an analytic Geometry test during lunch. Some students sacrifice their lunch in order to get a good grade.

Heather Lynn Adams, Basketball 2, Volleyball 2, Concert choir 3-4, Choralettes 2 (sec.), Choral 3-4 (pres.), Dramatics 3-4, Executive Council 3-4 (treas.), Student Council 3-4, Indiana All-State Honors Choir 3-4, **Abbe Appel**, Track 2, Booster Club 2-4, Choralettes 2, Choral 3-4, Dramatics 2-4, Pantherettes 3, Mat Maid, SADD 4, Lead role—Sweet Charity, 1986 Indiana All-State Honors Choir, Pantherettes Workshop 3, **Beth Ann Archer**, Basketball 2, Volleyball 2, Booster Club 2-4, Concert Choir 3, Choralettes 2, Executive Council 3-4 (sec.), Nat. Honor Society 2-4, Student Council 2-4, Pantherettes 2-4 (vice-pres.) Pantherettes Workshop 3-4, **Kelly Ausgen**, **Dawn Bainbridge**, **Maree Dashan Baker**, **Marla Batzola**, Exchange Student, **Teresa Kerin Basler**, Track 2, Swimming 3-4, Band 2-4, Booster Club 4, DECA 3, **Jennifer Kathleen Benkovich**, Tennis 2-4, Band 2, Booster Club 2-4, Nat. Honor Society 3-4, Varsity Club 2-4, Quill and Scroll 3-4 (vice-pres.), Reflector 3-4 (sports edit. 3, Editor-in-Chief 4), Band Camp 2, Journalism Workshop 4, Girls State Delegate, All-Conference Tennis 3, Spelling Team 4, SADD 3-4, Most Promising Junior—Journalism 3, **Russell J. Bereolos**, Basketball 2-3, Choral 2-3, **Chris Black**, Basketball 2-3, Golf 2-4, Quill and Scroll 3-4 (sec. - treas.), Panther Press 3-4 (Asst. Sports Edit. 3, Editor-in-Chief 4), Journalism Workshop 4, Boys State Delegate, **Julie Ann Bohney**





Chris Boren, Football 2; **Cynthia Michelle Bowman**, Track 2-4, Swimming 3-4 (capt), Concert Choir 2 (sec.), Chorolettes 3; vice-pres.; Girls Choir (sec.); Executive Council 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 2; **Amanda Boyle**, Chorolettes 3, Girls' Choir 2-4

Staci Bozack; **Gordon Andrew Braddy**, Football 2-3, Baseball 2-4, **Slacy Rose Brady**, Booster Club 2-4, DECA 3, Dramatics 2-4, Reflector 3-4 (photographer)

Earl J. Brammer, Baseball 2-4; **Gregg Brandish**, Swimming 4, Baseball 2; **Richard Jesse Brill**, Cross Country 2, Baseball 2, Concert Choir 2 (sec.), Chorolette 3-4 (vice-pres.), Dramatics 4, Executive Council 2-4 (treas.), Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 2-4, outstanding Sophomore—Student Council.

Gregory Scott Burbridge, Football 2-4 (capt), Wrestling 2-4, (capt), Baseball 2-4, (capt), Executive Council 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4 (pres.), Prom King, Homecoming King Candidate, **Mary Beth Burks**, Concert Choir 3-4, Chorolettes 2; **Pete Burton**

Barney Byrd, Soccer 2, **Jennifer Jean Caldwell**, Band 2-4, Booster Club 2, Dramatics 4, **Susan Cannon**

Mike Carter, **Tracy Lynn Clark**, Band 2, Dramatics 2, Quill and Scroll 3-4, Panther Press 3-4, (opinion edit 3, Copy edit, 4), Journalism Workshop 3-4, Regional Winner of American Legion Test 2; **David Lynn Coll**, Band 2-4 (pres.), Dramatics 3-4, Executive Council 2-4, National Honor Society 2-4 (pres.), Student Council 2-4, Bowling Club 2-4 (treas. Pres.), Academic Decathlon 4, SADD 3-4 (vice-pres... pres.)

Deborah Susan Cook, Track 2, Volleyball 4, Softball 3 (manag.), Varsity Club 2-3, **Joe Crute**, **James Michael Csonka**, Dramatics 2-4, Executive Council 2, Quill and Scroll 3-4, Student Council 4, Panther Press 3-4 (Feature editor 3, News and Reviews editor 4)

Carlos L. Cundliff, Track 4, Booster Club 4, Quill and Scroll 3-4, Chess Club 4, Boys State Delegate, Panther Press 3-4 (Photographer 3, Chief-Photographer 4), **Chrissy Dash**, Band 2-3, Band Camp 2-3, **Darren Demps**.

Thomas Patrick DeYoung, DECA 3-4, Bowling Club 4, **Gregory Allen Dickens**, Band 2-3, **Brett Dines**, Football 2-4, Wrestling 2-3, Baseball 3-4, Booster club 4, National Honor Society 2-4, Varsity Club 3-4, Student Council 2, Homecoming King, All-Conference Football

Jodi Marie Dannelly, **Zygmunt Joseph Dross**, Swimming 2, **David J. Dudek**, Track 2-4.

Kimberly Sue Dwyer, DECA 3, Dramatics 3-4, **Rick Dzurowcak**, **Michelle Edwards**.

Ilse Egger, Booster club 4, Bowling Club 4, **Barbara Elliott**, **Stacy Elliott**.

Merriebeth Erwin, **Scott Farrell**, Wrestling 2-3, Concert Choir 2-4, Chorale 2-4, DECA 2-4, **Dana Suzanne Fech**, DECA 4

Lynette Fella, Booster Club 2-4, DECA 3-4, **Tony Fitzsimons**, **Steven Roger Fowler**, DECA 3, Panther Press 3-4 (Opinion Edit. 3, Co-Sports Edit. 4).



College choices

When the time comes for a student to pick a college, what do they look for? Do they want a big campus, a small professor to student ratio, a well known college, or do they just want something that they can afford?

"Money is a big part of picking out a college. Since out-of-state colleges cost more, it's smart to stay in Indiana. Plus, after applying to a college of your choice, you still have to get accepted," said Senior Glen Textor.

Senior Mary Palucki said, "Choosing a college is hard work and it's the worst job in the world. I wrote to a few colleges and they sent me information to help me make my decision, but as of yet I haven't made it, but I have narrowed it down to two colleges."

To Darrell Seitz, money is also the biggest factor. "The phrase 'choosing a college' can be misleading. You can't really choose any college you want, you choose what you can afford. Besides money, grades are a factor. You've got to be accepted first before you can go anywhere."

"Finding a college is the hardest thing to do. When you find one, you have to find ways of financing your education. I knew what college I wanted to go to and when I visited the campus, nothing could change my mind. Now I just have to worry about paying for it."

In choosing colleges, money appears to be the number one concern among students.

Senior Brian Ulevig prepares chocolate for the cooking classes chocolate Easter bunny project. Learning to cook will help students in the future.



Eric S. Fratter, Tennis 2-4, Executive Council 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Quill and Scroll 3-4, Panther press 3-4 (news edit 3, Copy Edit 4) **Scott Friedrickson**, Wrestling 2-3, **Linda Kay Gabrys**, Basketball 2-3, Track 2, Volleyball 2-4 (Co-Cap), Softball 3-4, Varsity Club 2-4, Prom Queen, Candidate, Homecoming Queen, **Jay Gal**, Football 2, Swimming 2-3, Band 2, DECA 4.

John Anthony Gearhart, Tennis 2-4, Brad A. Gilton, Heidi Elizabeth Golden, Softball 3, Booster Club 2, **Amy Louise Gonzalez**, Basketball 2-4 (Manager 2, Trainer 3-4), Football 2-4 (Trainer 2-4), Softball 3, Booster Club 2-4, Executive Council 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 2-4, Journalism Workshop, Panther Press 3-4 (Advertising Edit 3-4)

Ann Marie Gottschammer, Booster Club 2, DECA 3, **James M. Graff**, Track 2-4, **Shellie Renee Griffin**, Twirling 2-3, Booster Club 2-4, DECA 3-4 (Pres.), Twirling Camp 2-4, **Joe Grisaffi**, Baseball 3, Bowling Club 2-3

Good food?

Are you one of the people going around school saying "Uhhh! The school food is awful! How do they even have the right to feed us this?" This may be commonly heard by students and teachers, but is this what all students really think of the food?

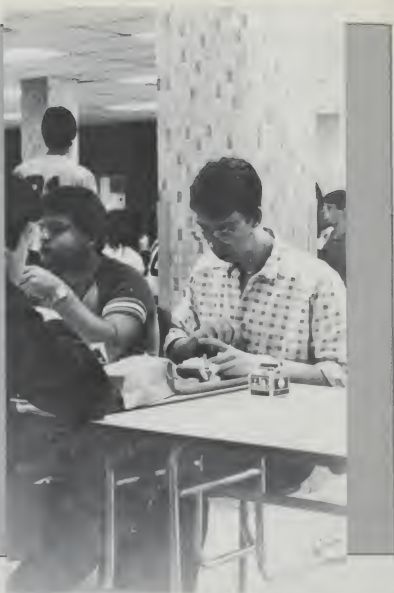
Rhonda Reed, Junior feels that, "It stinks!!! They never give us a choice of what we want, they treat us like elementary kids. They think that we can't make a decision on what we want to eat. Other schools have two or three meals to choose from."

An anonymous sophomore cafeteria food sympathizer says "I feel that the cafeteria help is doing the best job that they can with the available resources. The lack of selection of food is due to the small class sizes.

We are not a large school which necessitates the use of multiple lunches. The reason the food is served time and time again is because of the demand. It seems that the students here are picky, and in order to keep sufficient funds, they have to serve what's popular. I think the cafeteria workers are doing the very best they can."

Bob Troksa, Junior, says "The short line food is very nutritional. I don't mind that. The long line food is bad because nobody can figure out what it is made of."

Some students like the food and some don't. If one doesn't like the selection at school they can always bring their lunch to school from home. Otherwise they can just go to a fast food place or go on a hunger strike.



Junior Jeff Herr eats lunch with friends during his lunch break. Many students find lunchtime as a time for homework, food, or rest from classes.

Ann Guca, Kimberly M. Gunnun, Tony Hafner, Track 2, Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 4, **Mark Halverson**

Jeff R. Hamilton, Football 2-4 (Capt.), Soccer 2-3, Varsity Club 2-4, **Dave Hanrath,** Band 2, **Kelleen Sue Hansen,** Football 2-4 (Manager), Booster Club 2-4, Concert Choir 3 (Vice-Pres.), Girls' Choir 2 (Sec.), Varsity Club 2-4, **Amy Carol Harris,** Track 3, Concert Choir 3, Chorettes 2, Girls State Alternate

Kenneth Scott Hayes, Football 4, Wrestling 2-3, Band 2-4, Bowling Club 2, **Donna Marie Hochstetler,** Track 2-4, Booster Club 2-4, DECA 3-4, Bowling Club 4, **Eileen Janet Hochstetler,** Basketball 2, Track 2 (Manager), Band 2, Booster Club 2-4, Sweetgirl 4, Dramatics 3-4, Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 2, Softball 3-4 (Manager), **Anne Therese Hoffman,** Track 2-3, Booster Club 2-4, Cheerleader 2-4 (Capt. 4), Dramatics 2, Executive Council 2-3, Varsity Club 3, Student Council 2-4, Cheerleading Workshop 2-4





Jeff Hoffman, Reflector 3-4, (Photographer, Chief-Photographer),
Laurie Holcomb, **Lisa Lynn Holcomb**, DECA 2-4

Steve Holen, Football 2-4, Swimming 2-4 (Co-Captain 3-4),
Booster Club 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Varsity Club (Vice-Pres
4) All-Conference Football **Harold L. Hosler, Jr.**, Baseball 2
Matthew Alan Huss, Tennis 2, Dramatics, 2-4, Executive Council
2-4, National Honor Society 2-4, (Vice-Pres), Student Council 4,
Panther Press 4 (Layout Editor 4), SADD 3-4 (Vice-Pres), Boys'
State Delegate

Marjorie Ann Hyland, Booster Club 3-4, Dramatics 2-4, Reflector 4,
Journalism Camp 4, Batgirl **Karen Leanne Imboden**, Basketball 2,
Volleyball 2-4, Softball 3-4, Booster Club 2, Executive Council 4,
Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 3, Panther Press 4 (Advertising
Edit.), Girls' State Alternate, **Dawn Marie Ison**, Gymnastics 2
Concert Choir 2, Choralettes 3, Dramatics 2

David F. Ivers, **Jim Jacobs**, DECA 3-4, Bowling Club 4, Shawn
Jacoby.

Chris Jevyak, Golf 2, DECA 3-4, Bowling Club 4, **Lisa Ann Jordan**,
Basketball Statistician, Booster Club 2-4, Sweatergirl 4, Dramatics
3-4, Executive Council 4, Panther Press 3-4 (Copy Edit 3, Manag-
ing Edit 4), Journalism Camp 2-4, Most Promising Junior Award—
Journalism **Tammy Jovanovich**, Basketball 2-3 (Manager), Track 2,
Volleyball 2-4 (Capt 4), Softball 3, DECA 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4,
Turnabout Princess Candidate, All-Conference Volleyball

Julie King, **Karen King**, Concert Choir 3, Choralettes 2, Choral 4,
Dramatics 3-4 (Stage Manager) **Rob Kirby**

Kelly Suzanne Kleinfeldt, Concert Choir 4, Girls' Choir 2-3 **George**
Knish, **Ricky Kolbert**, Band 2-4, Dramatics 4.

Christopher A. Kunch, Track 2-4, Cross Country 2-4, Wrestling 2, Varsity Club 2-4, **Michelle Erin Lake**, National Honor Society 4.

Lawrence Brian Lane, Band 2-4 (Sec.), Dramatics 4, Executive Council 2-4, Bowling Club Delegate, **Jeff Last**, SADD 3-4, **Pamela Lynn Lawbaugh**

Tracy Lopez, **Michael John Lummio**, Dramatics 2-4, **Trisha Lynn Maldonado**, Wrestling 4 (Manager), Booster Club 4, DECA 4

Kelly Anne Marcus, Wrestling 3-4 (Manager), Booster Club 2-4, Sweatergirl 4, Concert Choir 3-4 (Vice-Pres.), Choralettes 2, DECA 3, Dramatics 2-4, **Michael J. Marsh**, Soccer 2, Concert Choir 2-4, Chorale 2-4, Dramatics 2-4, Executive Council 2-3, Student Council 2-3, All-State Choir 3-4, **Chris Martin**, Football 2, Executive Council 2, Student Council 2-4

Kelly Ann McCain, DECA 4, **Heather McDermott**, Softball 3, Band 2-3, **Michele Lynn McDonnell**, Band 2-3, Concert Choir 2-3, Chorale 4.

Michael McGhee, Swimming 2; Band 2-3, **Pam McIntosh**, Joy McKnight, Track 2, Booster Club 2-4

Frank D. McNeley, Wrestling 4, **Jerry Menser**, Track 2-4, Cross Country 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4, **Nick Mkiusak**



Career choices

When students grow up and move into the "big high school" they are faced with what could be the biggest decision of their life: What are they going to be when they grow up?

For some students it may seem like "the great unanswered question" while others may say it's as easy as pie to answer. Some people may never decide on a career until they are into college a few years. There is no doubt that it can be a tough decision.

One senior said, "If you are having trouble deciding on what to get into, try asking your counselor! They will give you lots of Help!"

Junior Steve Allison said, "Choosing a career is very difficult, but one should pick

a field that interests him or her the most and give it a try."

Senior James Csonka said, "I don't have any trouble at all, my mom will pick my career! Just kidding. It's hard to decide because there are so many options and I'd like to give all of them a trial run, but that's not possible in real life, it's going to be tough."

Junior Doug Demeter said, "I'm not worried about picking a career, I plan on winning the Illinois State Lottery when I'm twenty so I won't have to do too much thinking about a career."

Choosing a career certainly is no one small step for students but if the right career by a student is chosen, it can be one giant leap of money in ones paycheck

What's new? Senior Margie Hyland looks through Vogue magazine trying to keep up with the latest fashion of today.



James Mirda, Track 2-4, Cross Country 2-4 (Capt.), Executive Council 2, National Honor Society 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4, All-Conference Cross Country 3-4, Conference, Sectional, and Regional Champion 4, All-State 4, Regional Champion Track—3200 Meter Run, **John Mish**, Football 2-3, **Kimberly Rae Mitchell**, Gymnastics 2 (Mgr.), Concert Choir 3, Girls' Choir 2, Chorale 4, Dramatics 2-4, Reflector 4 (Photographer), **Lori Ann Mitchell**, Booster Club 4, Concert Choir 3, Choralettes 2, Chorale 4

Michelle Alane Moore, Booster Club 2-4, Concert Choir 3-4, Choralettes 2, Chorale 3-4 (sec.), Dramatics 2-3, National Honor Society 3-4 (sec.), Student Council 4, Pantherettes 2-4, (Squad Leader), Pantherett Camp 2-4, **Sheridan Lynn Moore**, Batgirl, Booster Club 2-4, Dramatics 2, Reflector 3-4 (Asst. Album and Sports Edit. 3, Layout and Design Editor 4), Journalism Camp 4, Jeo National Write-Offs Award of Excellence, **Jim Murr**, **Glen A. Nelson**, Track 2, Cross Country 2, Band 2-3, Bowling 2-4

Gregory Allen Nelson, Track 2, Cross Country 2 Band 2-4, DECA 4, Bowling Club 2-4, **Christine Marie Nichols**, **Cynthia Marie Nichols**, Gymnastics 2, Booster Club 2-4, Executive Council 2, Student Council 2-3, Pantherettes 3-4 (Sec.), Pantherettes Camp 3-4, **Cheryl Lynn O'Donnell**, Basketball 2, Track 2, Softball 3, Booster Club 2-4, Pantherettes 3-4, Pantherettes Camp 3-4

Beat the system

Don't you hate it when pop machines charge you three times the amount the pop is worth. Or how about when you really want the day off from work, but the boss won't let you have it. Or even worse yet, when a dog attacks you on the way to school and eats your homework and you really needed it to get an 'A'. Sometimes you just want to beat the system.

Junior Greg Kemp says, "I used to know how to kick a vending machine so it would give me something for nothing. Now with the computerized change boxes, it doesn't work. Now I have to pay for my pop."

Senior Glen Textor says, "My cousin and I used to compare our checks from where we worked. He al-

ways made more than me. He finally told me his secret to success. Every time he would punch in for work, he would move the hands of the clock back a few hours, punch in and then fix the clock. His time card would say that he worked around ten hours when in reality, he only worked around five."

Alex Garcia, Junior says, "I used to work at Jedi's and one day I had to go in to work real early and I didn't want to so I called in the day before and explained to the boss how I had to go to a funeral and would not be able to work the next day. He gave me the day OFF!"

Everyone has the urge or necessity to use their imagination to beat the system one time or another



Juniors Debbie Parr and Christine Palucki work on the building of a pinati as a spanish class project. The final product can be a colorful ornament.

Kimberly G. Olar, Band Camp 3-4, Nadina Opera, Rachel Palmer, Basketball 2, Volleyball 2-4, Softball 3

Mary Elizabeth Palucki, Track 2-3, Booster Club 4, Executive Council 4, Bowling Club 3-4 (Vice-Pres), Track Camp 4, Nicole Paguin, Alton Brooks Parker, Booster Club 4, Executive Council 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Student Council 2-4, Boys State Alternate, Academic Decathlon 4.

John Kevin Parsons, DECA 3-4, Student Council 4, Tami Margaret Paulson, Track 2, Dramatics 4, Gregg Penman





Elaine Carol Peters, Track 2-4 (Capt.), Sherry Lynn Peters, Mike Petrick

Larry Pierce, Basketball 2, Drum Major 3, Brian Piorkowski, Kelly Plough

Rhonda Rains, Concert Choir 4, Choralettes 3, Girls Chorus 2, Todd Gregory Raybuck, Football 4, Track 4, Cross Country 2, Booster Club 4, DECA 4, Tammi Redmon, Concert Choir 4, Choralettes 3, Girls' Choir 2

Kimberly Diane Reid, Track 2, Wrestling 2-4 (Manager), Bank 2-4, Bowling Club 3-4, Joel Andrew Reitz, Basketball 2, Football 2, Baseball 2-3, Football 2, Wrestling 3, John Reitz

Karrie Lynn Reymore, Booster Club 2-4, Cheerleader 2-4, Concert Choir 3-4, Choralettes 2, Choral 3-4 (Publicity Manger), Dramatics 2-4, Executive Council 2-3, Student Council 2-3, Girls State Delegate, Cheerleading Camp 2-4, Terry Richardson, Golf 2-4, Rochelle Riggie, Track 2-4, Gymnastics 2-3, Booster Club (Vice-Pres), Sweatergirl 4, Dramatics 4

Brian B. Riley, DECA 3-4, Dramatics 2-4, Jeffery Ritter, Football 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 4 (Treas.), Academic Decathlon 3-4, Prom, Turnabout, Homecoming Candidate, Paul Robertson

John Gary Rockhill, Basketball 2-4, Lori A. Rodgers, Choralettes 3, Girls' Choir 2, Renee L. Rodriguez, Football 4 (Manager, Booster Club 2-4)

Mark Ross, Julianne Row, Tennis 2-4, Booster Club 2-4, Cheerleader 2-4, Dramatics 3-4, Varsity 3-4, Student Council 2-4 (sec.), Cheerleading Camp 2-4, Girls' State Alternate, **Brian Richard Royce**, Basketball 3-4, Football 2-4, Baseball 2-4, Varsity Club 3-4, Panther Press.

Sandra Ruiz, Track 2-3, Choralettes 3, Girls' Choir 2, School Record 1600 m—Relay—1986, **Lance Kenneth Russell**, Basketball 2-4, Tennis 2-4, Band 2-3, Dramatics 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Varsity Club 4, Student Council 2-4 (vice-pres.), Student Leadership Camp 4, **Amy Saculia**, Booster Club 4.

David B. Salzer, Football 2-3, Golf 2, Wrestling 2, Band 2, **Mathias Samuelsson**, Football 4, Soccer 4 (capt.) Specialty Star Award—Football, **Michele Lynn Schaller**, Choralettes 3, Girls' Choir 2.

Amy Elizabeth Schmidt, football 2-3 (manager), Gymnastics 2, Booster Club 2-4, Executive Council 2-4 (vice-pres.), Varsity Club 2-4 (sec.), Student Council 2-4 (sec.), Cheerleading camp 4, Prom Queen, Turnabout Princess, Homecoming candidate, **Larry Edward Schmidt**, **Scott Schoenborn**.

Richard K. Schultz, Jr., DECA 4 (sec.), Reflector 3, **Darrell G. Seitz**, Basketball 3-4, Track 3, **Deanna Elayne Sell**, Band 2-4, Booster Club 2-3, Bowling Club 4 (treasurer), Band Camp 2-4.

Bradley D. Sharp, Football 3, **Doug Sharp**, **Sonja Lynn Shavey**, Track 3, Booster Club 2, Concert Choir 3-4, Girls' Choir 2.

Phillip Anthony Simcich, Band 2-4, Dramatics 2-4, Band camp 2-4, **Joanna Christine Simon**, Track 2-4, Swimming 2-4 (capt.), Booster Club 2-3, Concert Choir 2, Girls' Choir 2, Varsity Club 2-4, Reflector 3-4 (Copy Editor), **Aaron Sipos**, DECA 4, Bowling Club 4.



Senior plans

The time has finally come. It's graduation night. This is the night you have been waiting for for 18 years. Now that you are going to graduate, what plans do you have for this summer after your graduation?

Senior John Gearhart says, "I'm going to have the biggest graduation party ever and then I'm going to get some rest and relaxation in Salt Lake City, Utah! Then it's time for work and college!"

Senior Eileen Hochstetler says, "I'm going to rest in the summer and then get ready to go to I.U. I'm still not sure what I'm going to major in, but until I do, I'll just have a great time and enjoy my independence (even though it won't be financial)"

Senior Mike McGhee says, "I plan on having a big party and after that, go to everybody else's parties until the summer is over and then I'm going to go to college and be an Honor student. No basic classes for me. I'm going to just jump right into it."

Senior Tami Paulson says, "After graduation I'm going to get blitzed and have one heck of a time. Then I'm going to be a garbage man—my lifetime dream."

Senior Brad Sharp says, "I plan on doing as little as possible."

Graduation to some students means "party" and to others it means "college." To the majority, it means both. To all Seniors, it means "High School is finally over!"

Senior Jeff White pays for his Senior Banquet ticket during lunch. Seniors look forward to the Banquet to help make graduation seem closer.



Mark T. Smith, Basketball 2-4 (capt.); Varsity Club 4. Sean P. Smith, Basketball 2-4. Michael Gordon Steffan, Turnabout prince candidate

Ken Steiner, Gregory M. Stevens, Football 3-4. Mark H. Stevens

Bill Stokes, Basketball 2-4 (capt.), Tennis 2, Baseball 2-4 (Capt.), Varsity Club 4, Quill and Scroll 3-4, Panther Press 3-4 (Sports Editor), All-Conference Basketball. Troy Allen Stupeck, Wrestling 2. Cass Swarens

Oh, excuses

You run into the classroom, just avoiding another tardy, and grab your seat "Okay class, pass up your homework." You suddenly realize that you forgot to do it. The teacher is quick to notice this and he comes up to you and says, "Okay Herbie, what's your excuse this time?"

We've all had a moment like this in our life at one time. For some of us it may be many more times than once. Some GHS students told of some of their favorite excuses.

Junior Steve Gordon said, "My favorite is I was busy reading the whole book and didn't have time to do the homework."

Junior Greg Kemp said, "I was kidnapped by Abbu Ni-

dal. He wanted me to build him an atomic bomb, but fortunately I escaped. The Air Force hurried me home, but I did not get back in time to do my homework."

Senior Brad Sharp said his favorite excuse is "I didn't feel like doing it."

Pete Teumer, Junior said "A thermo-nuclear device was discovered in my house and the police evacuated my house. I didn't have time to get my homework done."

Senior John Gearhart said, "My homework went up in flames as I saved the life of a defenseless, innocent child from a raging fire."

Next time you forget your homework, try remembering some of the above excuses, that is if you are desperate, try remembering them



Senior Glen Textor finishes up some of his homework during lunch. Some students sacrifice their hunger to get their homework done in time.

David Anthony Swinford, Football 2, Track 2, Wrestling 2, Band 2
Angela Lenore Szafarczyk, Booster Club 2, Concert Choir 3-4,
Choralettes 2 (vice-president), Student Council, Girls State
Alternate, Glen Marshall Textor, Bowling Club 4, SADD 3-4

Merlyn E. Thomas, Track 3-4, Terry Thompson, Basketball 2,
Football 2-4, Track 2, Annie Tingley.

Tiffany Toweson; Brian K. Urevig, Football 2-3, Christopher
Verbich.





Rhonda Blaine Verbich, Bowling Club 3 (secretary), **David Allen Veronesi**, DECA 3, **Angie Vittorio**, Volleyball 2-4, Girls State Delegate

Kiré Rachelle Volpe, Booster Club 2-4, Executive Council 2-3, Student Council 2-3, Pantherettes 2-4 (squad leader), Reflector 4 (Student Life Editor), Pantherettes camp 2-4 Prom Turnabout, Homecoming Queen Princess Candidate, **Cindy Waddle**, **Laura Ann Waldron**, Track 2-4 (capt.), Band 2, Booster Club 2-4, Dramatics 2-3, National Honor Society 4, Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 2-3, Chess Club 3, Academic Decathlon Team Member 4

Lisa Michelle Waters, Volleyball 2, Booster Club 2-4, Concert Choir 3, Choralettes 2, Choral 3, DECA 3, Dramatics 2-4, Varsity Club 4, Student Council 2-4, Pantherettes 3-4 (sec.), SADD 4, Pantherettes Camp 3-4, **Gary Welk**, Band 2-3, **Dawn Marie Wesolowski**, Booster Club 2-4, Concert Choir 3-4 (sec. pres.), Girl's Choir 2, Executive Council 2-3 (treas.), Student Council 2-4, Pantherettes (squad leader), Pantherettes camp 3-4

Jeffery Allen White, Swimming 2-3, Bowling Club 3, Reflector 2-4 (photographer, Chief-Photographer), **Troy A. Wilkey**, DECA 4, **Jon A. Willis**

Cathy Wilson, **Sue Elaine Willfong**, Track 2-4 (capt.), Volleyball 2-4, Band 2-3, Executive Council 2-4, National Honor Society 2-4, Varsity Club 2-4, Student Council 2-4, Band Camp 2-3, **Dee Wojciechowski**, Track 2, Booster Club 2-4

David A. Woodard, Soccer 2-4, **Brian Wright**, Band 2-4, Bowling Club 4, Reflector 4 (photographer and Business Manager), Band Camp 3, **Shelle Lynne Yanek**, Track 2, Matmaid, Bowling Club 3

Todd Anthony Zalcow, Golf 2-4, Bowling Club 2, Prom and Turnabout King/Prince Candidate, **Randy Zubrick**, Wrestling 2-3, Concert Choir 2-3, **Lisa Ann Zvyak**, Band 2-4, Dramatics 2-4, National Honor Society 2-4, Drum Major 3-4, Band Camp 2-4

Bands hard work

What does it take to form a successful rock band?

First of all, it takes some money to buy the equipment. Rick Murrian of the band Blazon says that together as a band, they have over \$4,000 dollars worth of equipment. Chris Karp, drummer of the band AD-DAX, says that they also have over \$4,000 in equipment. Karp also said, "At first, the cost of all the equipment was a problem, but now that we have bought all the major things we need, our biggest problem is finding time to practice together as a band."

That brings up another problem besides the cost of equipment. How much time is really needed to work as a band? Steve Fisher, from Blazon, says, "I spend about six

hours a day practicing on my guitar. It does take up a lot of time, but it's worth it when you are able to pick up a guitar and play something good." Chris Karp says, "Each person of the band has to put in a lot of time practicing his part or else the band won't sound good. If the band doesn't sound good, it will never get anywhere."

Others like Mike Martin feel that practicing does not take away any of their free time. Martin says, "Taking away my free time by practicing doesn't bother me at all because the only thing I want to do in my spare time is to play my guitar."

Karp says, "It's not as easy at it seems. It takes a lot of hard work and time, but it's worth it."



Junior Liane Patrick returns a volleyball over the net to try to score a point. Many students enjoy themselves in their free time with their friends.

Adams, Bradley
Adler, Lynn
Allison, Steve
Anderson, Michael
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Toren, Tina
Troksa, Bob



Close calls

Have you ever had one of those close calls to disaster where you miss death or permanent decapitation of a limb by inches?

Junior Chirs Kleimola says, "My closest call to disaster was in third grade. I fell down my stairs at home and hit the corner of my eye on a table. If I would have hit the table one inch over on my face, I would have been blind today in that eye."

An anonymous Senior says, "I was pretty drunk and was driving home from a party when I almost hit someone on a bike. I suddenly became real sober and called my mom at home to pick me up."

Junior Andy Hartman says, "I was going fast on Cline towards Hammond when suddenly this jerk pulled in front

of me from a merge. I was going too fast to stop and I only avoided a major accident by swerving to the left and squeezing between his car and the wall that divides Cline."

Junior Rhonda Reed says, "My boyfriend and I were driving my moped down Redar Road at 40:00 p.m. We tried passing a car in front of us and hit a large pot-hole and totaled my moped. I came within inches of losing my eye on a railroad tie."

Everyone has had a close call at one time or another. It makes you wonder what would have happened to you and what its long term effects would be on you if you had not avoided these disasters. Let's just hope that we keep on avoiding them

Junior Anne Degani announces the names of competing swimmers at a swimming match at the Griffith High School pool.



Tumbula, Lisa
Van Aukén, Lisa
Vazquez, Cristina
Veronesi, Matt

Villalpando, Stephanie
Vuich, Jeanne
Wall, Brian
Webb, Debbie

Whitaker, Sherry
Wilkening, Amy
Willsey, Janean
Wilkier, Terri

Wiazlo, Michael
Wright, Thomas
Yoko, Tim
Zylo, Kelly

Job vs. School

When a student wants a few extra bucks for spending money, what does he or she do? They get a job.

Sure, a job is great, it gets you lots of money and job experience, but what sacrifices are made to have a job?

Junior Kelly Zyla says, "I tend to not have as much time for my homework and my grades have fallen a little but now I'm used to the money and would go crazy if I didn't have it."

Junior Daryl Mikulski says, "I'm sorry I ever got a job. I have bills now and cannot afford to quit. The job has definitely made a visible change in my grades and free time."

Junior Brad Adams says, "Ever since I've started working I've regretted it. I

hardly have time for homework. I have to stay up late and do it and then the next day I'm tired. I hardly have time to go out with my girlfriend or my friends anymore."

Junior Andy Hartman says, "Working forces you to do more in less time because you have so little free time to work with. School work sometimes has to wait, but working will help me later."

Senior John Gearhart says, "Having a job is great because you have the money to do or buy anything you want. But it does interfere with school, but it's worth it to have money."

A job may be great for the money but one still needs to get good grades in hopes of one day getting a good job as an adult.



Sophomore Polly Byrd uses a sewing machine to complete a project. Learning how to make clothing can save people money.

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Alvarez, Frank
Anderson, Kurt
Anderson, Mike
Asche, Rick

Atkinson, Shannon
Austin, Christine
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Baker, Stacy
Baldwin, Renee

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Brock, Joe
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Cucuz, Gorko
Curtis, Heidi
Decker, Christopher

Degani, Dawn
Degani, Jeanene
DeLa Vega, Mark
DeLong, Charles
De Luna, Daniel

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Dimitroff, Veronica
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Student leaders

In November of 1988, the people of the United States of America will elect a new person to lead them as their president. What if this newly elected leader of us all was from Griffith High School? What changes would we see come about?

Junior Bob Troksa says, "I would have school in session for a shorter time because younger people need more social time before they get old and can't do anything."

Andy Hartman, Junior, would induce these changes if he was elected president. "First, I would have a U.S. autobond like the one in Germany built. Next, I would raise the minimum wage to fifteen dollars per hour and then introduce sleeping as the national pastime."

An anonymous student

who would like to be called 'the unknown communist supporter' would like to see these changes occur if he was elected president. "I would make the U.S. a complete communist society. The Marxist way would be introduced to the people. Since everybody complains about the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, one class in our society would be created and would thus eliminate any of our problems."

An anonymous Sophomore says, "I would have my face carved on Mount Rushmore and whoever didn't like it would be deported to a place worse than Siberia: New York!"

From the looks of GHS students' points of views, let's hope our next president is at least Jim McMahon!

Sophomore Mike Miller and other students pay closer attention to the prospective student council presidents making their speech in the auditorium.



Wagner, Melissa
Ward, Mitchell
Whitfield, Tamara
Wiley, Mark

Wilkey, Kelli
Wilson, Kim
Wisinski, Edward
Wroblewski, Theresa

Wylick, Michael
Yockey, Samantha
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Zellers, John
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Recognition night

Students from all grades honored

The phrase "I have to do it" is often heard by high school students. Recognition night is a night to honor students who didn't say that phrase. They didn't have to do anything, but they did anyway." This was the general gist of what Miss Betty Weber said in her presentation of the foreign language department awards. It seemed to sum up the entire evening as students, some who normally would not be honored, were recognized for their accomplishments.

The awards given out ranged from perfect attendance to the prestigious Hall of Fame Awards. The Hall of Fame Awards are four awards given to students from the graduating class in different areas. The winners were Michele Lake for academics, Dave Coll for activities, Heather Adams for arts, and Jim Mirra for athletics. "These four students all did extremely good work in their areas of interest. They stood out from all the rest of the students. As a matter of fact, this was the first year that the judges decisions were unanimous," said Mr. Gerald Spejewski. "I never even thought about winning. It's

such a great honor," said Michele Lake.

"I thought the whole night went by fast. It was exciting to find out who won what," said junior Amy Wilkening, recipient of the Perfect Attendance Award. "I'm glad that my coming to school each and every day was worth it." "I liked the end of the program when all the winners of scholarships were recognized. It was great seeing fellow class members already starting to succeed," said senior Mary Beth Burks. "It was sad knowing that this was going to be one of the last times that chorale was going to perform together. It was still exciting to see everyone on stage receiving awards, though," said senior Rob Lattin.

The evening was a success as the chorale sang their last song. "I enjoyed hearing the chorale sing. They seemed to break up the monotony of all the awards being given out," said Mary Palucki senior.

"It was a big honor for everyone who won something because it meant that you excelled in something. It was a great feeling," said Judi McKnight.



Principal Sam Cox congratulates senior John Gearhart on his scholarship for the college of his choice from Orthodontics, Inc.

Chorale started off the program and entertained the audience. It was one of their last opportunities to perform together.





Mr. Carl Dalton head of the social science dept. recognized Chris Kleimola as the Outstanding Junior in World History.

Senior Lance Russell and Dave Coll prepare to hand out awards to students. They helped keep things organized.



Recipients of the Hall of Fame Awards: Dave Coll, Michele Lake, Heather Adams, and Jim Mirda. Their names are going to be recorded in the office

Fundraising

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Need money

Everyone needs to raise money somehow. And there are certain ways of going about it. One good way is to sell things. Many groups at school have had all sorts of different fundraisers where things were sold. Many groups sold grams. These were messages from students to their friends that came with candy. They only cost 25¢ and for different occasions, you got different candies. For Halloween, the Pantherettes sold suckers which looked like ghosts when wrapped in Kleenexes and Honor Society sold bags of jelly-beans for Easter.

Other groups sold cheese and sausage, cookies, and raffle tickets. "It seems as if every group in school is selling stuff at the same time! I can't afford to buy everything from everyone. I wish the sponsors would cut down on it a little," said junior Judi McKnight. "Sometimes Two or more of my friends are selling the same thing and I have to choose who to buy from. I usually just find some stranger in the hall so that no one gets mad," said sophomore Julie Hedges.

Another way for groups to get money was for them to hold dances. There was always a good turn out because where else could you go to meet with *all* of your friends? "Dances are a lot of fun because you can hang out with everyone after basketball and football games. There aren't that many places to go to after the games," said senior Mike Lummio.

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Getting it straight. Junior Pat Murdoch puts up a new piece of paper on the bulletin board. It displayed items that were sold.



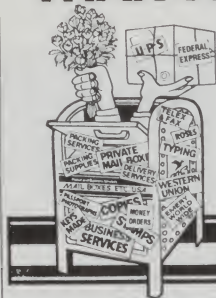
Senior Chris Jevyak takes a break from his homework and patiently waits in line at a grocery store. Having a Certe's encounter must be worth the wait.

Junior Greg Kemp decides that it's time to take a break and puts his homework aside so he can buy some M&M's from Junior Greg Kemp.



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Bon Jovi wins top honors as GHS' favorite

You give love a bad name! Those may be the words sung by this rock group, but Bon Jovi gives rock the best name in our school according to the recent poll taken here at GHS. The rock band U2 took a second place rating as the most liked and listened to sound in music. Van Halen rated as the third most favorite rock band.

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2. **U2**
3. **Van Halen**

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2. Johnathon Brandmeier
3. Ed Volkman

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- 1. Mrs.
Keithley**
- 2. Mr. Dalton**
- 3. Mr.
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Pizza tops nuggets in lunch poll

Pizza, Pizza, pizza! It's the most liked school cafeteria lunch around these days according to our students. Some would rather stick to their own lunch food though and this seems to be the second best alternative for that middle-of-the-day break. And the third choice is Chicken nuggets from the hot lunch menu here at GHS.

1. Pizza
2. None
3. Chicken Nuggets

Boy, I'm hungry—what's for lunch, pizza? Senior Tammy Redmon uses her lunchtime wisely and eats her nutritious lunch. Pizza was voted most liked school lunch. The next favorite was their own lunch, with chicken nuggets coming in third.



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We've Got News For You 1987 REFLECTOR VOLUME 46

We've Got News for you was the theme of this 1987 Reflector. The cover was designed by Miss Julie Marcinek, publications adviser and Jennifer Benkovich, 1987 Reflector editor-in-chief. Due to the extended deadline we were able to use color photos on eight spreads in the yearbook.

The main type used throughout the book was avant Garde book. Body copy is 10 pt. Avant Garde book and 12 pt. on the opening and 14 pt. on divisions. Captions are eight point avant garde book italic and six point avant garde book italic. All folio tabs and pulled quotes are in 12 pt.

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The people section is called a Different Beat. The story copy is 10 pt. Avant Garde book and the headlines are 60 pt. Avant Garde Demi for the initial letter and 42 pt. Avant Garde demi Italic for the rest of the headline.

I would like to thank the student body for their support during the changing of the distribution date, Miss Julie Marcinek for allowing us to fight for the change; the staff for believing we could do it and George Knish, Kathleen and Desi Benkovich for helping me make it through a very tough year and helping out the staff when we needed it.

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COLOPHON

Start Spreading the News —Thanks for the Memories.

Griffith . . . We've got news for you! The school year is finally over. Many newsworthy events occurred this year and Griffith spent a lot of time in the spotlight. This year for the first time ever, the yearbook staff changed the date of distribution to the summer.

Cross Country runners, senior Jim Mirda and senior Rob Kirby represented Griffith High School at the cross country state finals. Rob Kirby made an impressive showing at thirty-eighth and Jim Mirda beat the odds and placed third in the state.

We definitely had the spirit at the basketball sectionals. The Griffith High School fans and community were unanimously chosen as the sportsmanship award winners.

Locking the students in the school all night was an idea Students Against Drunk Driving had to promote their cause. The evening was highly successful. The night consisted of an evening long dance, prizes, basketball, volleyball and a movie. Although tired the students walked away after having a good time.

A not so successful event this year was the zero hour class. Zero hour class was an early morning government or economics class offered to seniors. The first semester government class saw the classroom filled with seniors. The second semester economics class saw the classroom size dwindle down to five students.

Only letting Griffith students into Griffith High Dances was a rule this year. At a school board meeting some residents of Griffith whose children attend Bishop Noll attended the meeting and complained about the rule. The school board considered the complaint and changed the policy. During the 1987-1988 school year a student must register his or her out of school guest by 3 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Many changes took place this year and a lot of newsworthy events happened. Next year many of us will be making news at college or on new jobs. Hopefully the upcoming juniors and seniors can carry on the tradition. Don't settle for anything less than the best from yourselves.



We've Got Spirit, yes we do! Senior Varsity Cheerleader Julianne Rowe, peeps up the home basketball crowd. Julianne has been an active member of Booster club and she's spent all of her high school years pepping up the crowd.



Go Team Go! Junior Tammy Childers, varsity cheerleader, yells to the crowd in order to pep them up. It is the job of the cheerleaders to pep up the crowd so they can cheer for the team and help them win.

Steve's spreading the news! Senior Steve Fowler sells the Panther Press every Friday. Steve works very hard to sell the paper as a member of the Panther Press Staff it is his duty to spread the news.



Seniors Jim Graff, Gordon Braddy, Sue Willfong, Debbie Cook, Karen Imboden, Heather Adams, and Kim Gunnum carry the senior banner at the Homecoming parade. The seniors prevailed as the winners of Spirit Week.

PANTHERS



We've got news for you! Freshman Mark Osmulski and senior Brian Royce break through the hoop to hear the roar of the crowd. The crowd made news by winning the sectional sportsmanship award.

WE'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU



